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King Hassan of Morocco (right) welcomes Syrian President Hafez Assad (left) upon his arrival at Fez airport yesterday to attend the Arab summit. (UPI telephoto)

Arab leaders arrive in Fez

FEZ, Morocco (Reuters). — Arab heads of state met informally yesterday to discuss the agenda of a crucial summit which opened here last night, conference sources said.

They said King Hassan of Morocco, King Hussein of Jordan, and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia met for two hours Sunday night to discuss a peace plan which would amalgamate President Ronald Reagan's proposals and an eight-point Saudi peace plan already on the summit agenda.

The Palestinian Liberation Organization delegation, headed by Yasser Arafat, was the next to last

to arrive. The PLO leader received a hero's welcome from Arab monarchs and presidents, who were meeting him for the first time since the 10-week siege of West Beirut.

He was followed by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, who arrived unannounced. Hussein was not expected here after the arrival of an Iraqi delegation on Sunday, headed by vice-president Taha Yassin Ramadan.

The summit is to discuss the Iraq-Iran war and will be presented with an Iraqi draft resolution calling for Arab military support in the two-year-old conflict, conference sources said.

NEWS ANALYSIS/David Bernstein

Arab summit unlikely to move on the Reagan initiative

President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace initiative is expected to dominate the Arab summit which opened last night in Fez, Morocco — but an endorsement or rejection of the initiative is not likely.

There is even some doubt as to whether or not the initiative has been formally included on the summit agenda. The official Moroccan news agency MAP stated categorically yesterday that it has not. But *al-Riyadh*, the authoritative Saudi daily, reported that it has been tabled, as point No. 9 on the 28-point agenda.

The main factor militating against the emergence of any final Arab position on the initiative is the overriding need to present a united front at Fez — particularly after last November's fiasco, when the summit in Fez was adjourned due to deep-seated differences over Saudi Arabia's eight-point Fahd plan. Although Arab sources in Fez

were quoted yesterday as saying that the Reagan initiative "has the tacit acceptance in principle of most Arab states, with some minor reservations," there is one major exception — Syria.

Syria, whose opposition to the Fahd plan scuttled last November's summit, has indicated through its official press that the U.S. plan is wholly unacceptable, rejecting as an anti-Arab American intrigue.

It was likewise rejected by the radical factions of the PLO, all of which are now based in Damascus and which appear to have coordinated their position with their Syrian hosts.

However, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is reported to have managed to persuade the radicals in his movement that it would be a mistake to reject the plan outright, as Israel has done. It would be more prudent, he apparently managed to

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Levy: We've 20 ways to retaliate for kidnap

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

TEL AVIV. — Two senior cabinet ministers said yesterday that Syria was responsible for the safe return of eight IDF soldiers kidnapped in Lebanon on Saturday, even if they are held by Palestinian or leftist Moslem militias.

Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon were speaking following reports broadcast by the leftist militia Mouabitoun's Voice of Arab Lebanon, which said the militias and the PLO had "arrested" the eight soldiers kidnapped from their observation post north of Bhamdoun on Saturday afternoon.

Speaking at a ceremony in Katrin conferring upon him honorary citizenship of that Golan Heights town, Levy said that "we have 20 ways to retaliate against Syria for this act."

Noting that "if we wanted to, we could carry out much wider and more sophisticated actions," Levy said that Israel has restrained itself because "we respect the cease-fire and we expect the other side to do so as well."

Speaking in Beirut yesterday, Sharon said the terrorists had acted

from areas under Syrian control "and without doubt under Syrian responsibility."

Reiterating a message he sent to Syria on Sunday through U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Morris Draper, Sharon said: "We've issued a stern warning to Syria that no harm should befall the soldiers in custody. I hope the Syrians will understand they must take all the necessary steps to ensure that (the soldiers) lives will be preserved."

The IDF spokesman said the eight missing men brought to 11 the number of Israeli troops captured in Lebanon and held by Syria. Another six are listed as missing and could be in Syrian hands, the spokesman said.

Sharon, who toured IDF positions around West Beirut, urged the troops to show "extreme alertness" despite the generally relaxed atmosphere as the city opens up and roadblocks separating the two sectors are coming down.

Some 7,000 armed Lebanese men belonging to 27 groups are operating in West Beirut, in addition to Palestinian terrorists who have remained behind, Sharon said.

Reuter reported yesterday that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

23 IDF soldiers injured in vehicle fire mishap

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT Post Defence Reporter

Twenty-three soldiers were hurt yesterday when a civilian truck in which they were travelling caught fire south of Tyre. Nine required hospitalization and 14 were released, sources in the Rambam Hospital in Haifa and the Nahariya Hospital said last night.

IDF and UNIFIL sources said they believed the incident was caused by a smoke grenade which went off inside the vehicle as it was travelling along the Lebanese coastal road at 10 a.m.

A UNIFIL spokesman said that Fijian soldiers who saw the smoke emanating from the civilian truck as it passed their checkpoint waved for the driver to stop but were ignored. When the vehicle had gone another two hundred metres, flames

were seen and soldiers jumped out. UNIFIL sent a French fire-fighting unit and several ambulances which evacuated six soldiers who were suffering from smoke inhalation. However the UNIFIL hospital has only one respiratory unit and the IDF was called in.

Israeli helicopters flew the six to Rambam Hospital. Deputy Director Zvi Ben Yishai said three were in good condition and three were lightly injured.

A military source was unable to say what had happened to the seventh soldier. He may have been treated on the spot, the source said.

The incident caused a "momentous traffic jam" along the narrow road, UNIFIL reported. The road was re-opened three hours later.

Gunmen vow to kill hostages after seizing Polish embassy

BERN (UPI). — Three armed terrorists holding 13 hostages inside the Polish Embassy since yesterday morning threatened to blow up the two-storey building and everyone in it if martial law is not lifted in Poland by mid-morning tomorrow.

The gunmen set four conditions for release of the captive diplomats: lifting of military rule in Poland, release of political prisoners, dismantling of prison camps and an end to the repression of the Polish people.

Police said that the group, calling itself the Polish Patriotic Army, was in phone contact with the authorities in Poland. They insisted they would "blow this shack away, and everyone in it" if their demands are not met.

Swiss authorities, who have surrounded the building with armed police, said they were expecting a long siege and were prepared to use force, but only if asked to do so by Poland.

Radio reports of shots inside the building were not confirmed.

Contacted by phone, the leader of the group, calling himself "Commandant" Wysocki, said his group had links with the suspended Polish labour union Solidarity, and was preparing a terrorist offensive against the Warsaw regime in Poland and in Western Europe. Solidarity members living in

Zurich in a statement last night condemned the occupation, calling it "an act of terrorism contrary to the basic ideals and principles of Solidarity."

It said the free trade union never resorted to violence in its political activity, "even in the face of police provocations."

The Polish Foreign Ministry confirmed reports that armed men had seized the embassy but declined further comment. Polish television brought the first word of the assault to the public, reporting from the Swiss capital that the attackers sought an end to martial law "and its consequences."

The Polish news agency said the terrorists were "Polish emigre extremists" whose demands were similar to those of Solidarity extremists and "some NATO states which are interested in continued tension in Poland."

It said the Polish Foreign Ministry was in close contact with the Swiss ambassador in Warsaw as well as the authorities in Bern.

Poland has no ambassador in Switzerland and Charge D'Affaires Stanislaw Dobrowolski is on holiday in Warsaw.

The seizure was the first guerrilla-style action inside or outside Poland against Polish martial law since the martial law clampdown last December. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

Fuel prices rise by 4 to 5 per cent

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The price of petrol and gas went up at midnight by 4 to 5 per cent.

The Treasury explained that the hike only covers the increase in the costs of production caused by the recent rapid rate of devaluation of the shekel and will not be enough to defray entirely the increase in the

cost of production since the last price hike a few weeks ago.

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Sharon tells Lebanon: 'peace or security belt'

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said here last night that if a government comes into being in Lebanon which for any reason refuses to sign a peace treaty with Israel, there would certainly be a "special status" in Southern Lebanon and along the security belt of 40-50 kilometres which Israel needs beyond its northern border.

Sharon was speaking at a ceremony in which he was made an honorary citizen of Kiryat Shmona. "If there is a Lebanese government that signs a peace treaty with Israel," he said, "Lebanon will certainly become a unified country territorially."

"A peace treaty is not a gesture of one state to another," he continued. "A peace treaty is a security neces-

sity. Israel does not need gestures, it needs security on its northern border."

Sharon said Israel has made this position clear to Lebanon's leaders. He promised the residents of Kiryat Shmona that a security belt would protect them from possible terrorist attack from Lebanon.

With regard to U.S. policy towards Israel, Sharon said: "We were not surprised by the Reagan plan. Several months ago we believed, that like what happened after the withdrawal from Sinai, after the heavy price we paid for peace with Egypt, there would be those among our American friends who would be impatient and would try to bring about changes not included in the Camp David agreements."

Sharon said he believes that

Operation Peace for Galilee postponed the American plan by several months. "We can confront it with less pressure, without the PLO terrorism directed against us from Beirut and South Lebanon," he said.

Christian militia leader Maj. Sa'ad Haddad was present at the ceremony.

Kol Yisrael last night quoted Lebanese Television as saying that Israel had delivered an ultimatum to the Lebanese government to expel some 2,000 armed Palestinian terrorists from South Beirut.

The ultimatum, the report said, was delivered via the U.S. embassy in Beirut, and warned that if the Palestinians were not expelled last night from the Ein el-Janach neighbourhood, Israel would take action.

U.S. believes Begin could reconsider Reagan plan

By WOLF BLITZER Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Despite Israel's swift and supposedly total rejection of President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan, senior U.S. officials still believe that Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his cabinet will have no choice but to reconsider their position if Jordan and moderate Palestinians decide to join the Camp David autonomy negotiations.

That is why the Americans yesterday were still more concerned about the outcome of the Arab League summit in Fez, Morocco, than in the hostile Israeli reaction to the Reagan proposals.

Still, U.S. officials are making it clear that they are very angry at Begin and the Israeli government for approving additional Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza so quickly after Reagan had appealed for a settlement freeze.

The settlement announcements on Sunday have been widely interpreted here as deliberate defiance of the president, and Israel has come under increasing criticism (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

Shamir urges military links with Lebanese

By ASHER WALLFISH Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel believes that the best way to prevent PLO terrorists from returning to Southern Lebanon is for military cooperation between Israel and Lebanon.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said this to the ambassadors of the European Community, whom he had invited to his bureau in Jerusalem for a briefing on recent developments in Lebanon. Israel feels that an international force or a multi-national force, would not be effective in preventing PLO infiltration, he said.

Shamir said that 8,856 terrorists and 6,062 Syrian or Palestine Liberation Army soldiers had left Beirut in the first phase. "But there are still a few thousand terrorists in eastern and northern Lebanon," he reminded the European ambassadors, "and we hope to get them out, along with the Syrian occupation forces."

The foreign minister said he hoped for a speedy conclusion to the second stage of negotiations in Lebanon — to get all foreign forces out — which would start in the last week of September, when U.S. mediator Philip Habib comes back to the region.

"Syria has no reason to remain in Lebanon since Israel is not scheming to attack Syria, and we assume that Lebanon has no such designs either," he said.

He said that if all goes smoothly, Israel will soon be holding talks with the Lebanese government on security arrangements to protect Israel's northern border. Simultaneously, Israel would discuss normalization of relations with the next Lebanese government, and eventually a peace agreement as well.

Now that the operation in Lebanon is over, Shamir said, the time has come to resume negotiations on autonomy for the Arabs of the West Bank and Gaza. Israel is ready to resume them at any time, he said.

Since the PLO had been driven from Lebanon, and also weakened politically, he said, it would now be easier to conduct the negotiations within the framework of Camp David. But the negotiations had been impeded, he said, because the partners to the negotiations had presented preconditions.

"Israel does not see any justification for new ideas and new elements being injected into the autonomy talks," he said. "The new American ideas have made us unhappy. They (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Law returns to West Beirut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

WEST BEIRUT. — The taxi driver casually turned left yesterday against the one-way traffic, then suddenly found himself staring at the upraised hand of a policeman.

The driver gave a pleased laugh and obediently turned his vehicle into the stream of traffic.

"This is the law coming back," he said. "They're beginning to feel their power now. I'm very happy about it."

All through this former PLO stronghold yesterday, white-helmeted gendarmes were directing traffic at busy intersections as the central government slowly extended its authority over the area. The Lebanese army has also been inserted into West Beirut but because of its more political connotation it is still keeping a relatively low profile.

Municipal services also have begun to be reactivated, with trucks beginning to pick up masses of plastic-wrapped garbage piled around West Beirut.

The downtown Hamra district appears astonishingly intact after the intensive weeks of bombing. Shops were filled with goods and the sidewalks were clogged with vendors and pedestrians. However, in the Palestinian quarters in the south devastation was visible. Outside the Sabra refugee camp Palestinian women filled jerrycans with water.

Traffic continued to flow freely between East and West Beirut. However, Israelis are still forbidden by Israeli authorities from entering West Beirut because of the uncertain security situation. Signs in Hebrew warning "Frontier Ahead" are still in place at the major crossing points.

Soldiers kill W. Bank man in bus attack

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Egged bus was fired on yesterday afternoon near Tulkarm and soldiers riding on the bus got out and pursued the attackers. One of the suspected attackers was killed in the course of the chase, well informed sources confirmed last night.

The civilian bus was travelling from Netanya to the Jordan Valley settlement of Argaman, when the shots were fired. No one on the bus was wounded.

Soldiers riding on the bus gave chase to several attackers, apparently West Bank residents. The soldiers saw a group of four persons and ordered them to halt.

One of the group tried to run away and was shot and killed. The others were taken to the local military headquarters, where they were questioned and released. The army is investigating the incident.

West Bank university staff must declare against PLO

By DAVID RICHARDSON Jerusalem Post Reporter

The West Bank civil administration in Ramallah is demanding that people applying for a permit to teach at any local university during the coming academic year sign a formal statement promising not to support the PLO.

Applicants are required to sign a statement entitled "A Commitment for the Issuance of Work Permit for the Academic Year 1982/83" which includes the following undertaking: "I hereby declare that I am fully

committed against indulging in any act and offering any assistance to the organization called the PLO or any other terrorist organization that is considered to be hostile to the State of Israel as indicated in the Act for the Prevention of Acts of Belligerence and Enemy Propaganda (Amendment No.1) (Judea and Samaria No.938) 5742-1982, such acts being of a direct or indirect nature."

The demand for such an undertaking from teaching staff follows a recent stipulation that students who

reside outside the district where the university holds its classes also obtain a permit from the local military authorities before being allowed to study.

Meanwhile the Ramallah military court yesterday sentenced eight residents of the Baida refugee camp to prison terms of up to 18 months and a similar period on probation for arson attacks on the vehicles and buildings of local people they suspected of cooperating with the Israeli authorities. Those sentenced also set fire to Israeli cars in Gilo

last April.

In the Nablus military court the trial will commence today of three Palestinians accused of infiltrating into Israeli territory via Jordan near the Jordan Valley kibbutz of Meholah last spring. The incursion, which was foiled, was played up at the time by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan as a violation of the cease-fire with the PLO along the northern border. Eitan's reaction sparked fears that Israel was about to launch an attack against the PLO in Lebanon.

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| Safed | 36 | 20-30 | 28 |
| Tiberias | 70 | 25-30 | 30 |
| Nazareth | 42 | 22-28 | 35 |
| Nablus | 35 | 20-32 | 30 |
| Afula | 37 | 21-34 | 32 |
| Shomron | 35 | 20-32 | 31 |
| Tel Aviv | 69 | 22-31 | 30 |
| B-G Airport | 52 | 21-32 | 30 |
| Jericho | 30 | 21-30 | 37 |
| Gaza | 76 | 22-29 | 29 |
| BeerSheva | 33 | 18-35 | 33 |
| Eilat | 12 | 27-41 | 40 |

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

D. Jose Barrionuevo, deputy mayor of Madrid, and Baltazar Aymerich Corominas, member of the Madrid municipal council, visited acting speaker of the Knesset MK Meir Cohen yesterday.

A gala evening will be held tonight in celebration of the opening of the new Hitachdut Olci Britannia mo'adon, at the Migdalor Building (3rd floor), 1 Ben-Yehuda Street, Tel Aviv, at 6.30. H.E. the British Ambassador and Mrs. Patrick Moberley will attend.

Meir de Shalit yesterday was elected president of the Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth Association, replacing Shalom Rosenfeld.

ARRIVALS

Joan and Samuel Frankel of Detroit, Michigan, for the dedication today at 4 p.m. of the Givat Shapira B school in their name. Arriving with them were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Frankel.

Secretary-General of the Birmingham (England) municipal council Tom Colcott, for a 10-day visit as the guest of the Union of Local Authorities.

Fire destroys pines in Jerusalem Forest

Fire-fighting units from throughout the Jerusalem region — including two water-spraying planes — took nearly three hours yesterday afternoon to put out a fire in the Jerusalem Forest.

Investigators said the blaze — which spread rapidly because of the hot, windy weather, probably started near a firing range located in an abandoned quarry below Har Hamenuhot. It destroyed an unknown number of pine trees. (Itim).

Harpists vie once more

Post Music Editor
The Eighth International Harp Contest opened last night at Jerusalem's YMCA auditorium with a concert presented by Emily Mitchell, First Prize winner of the contest in 1979.

The contestants this year come from Australia, France, Italy, Rumania, the U.S.A. and Venezuela. The first round of the competition starts this morning at 10 a.m.

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HOME NEWS

Proposal would stop MKs from bolting their factions

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

A retired Hebrew University law professor who served for 12 years in the Knesset as one of the Likud's top legal authorities revealed yesterday that he had submitted a draft bill to the Justice Minister 14 months ago to stop MKs from leaving their faction to join another.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, former MK Yitzhak Klinghoffer, 77, said the draft which he gave Justice Minister Moshe Nisim in July last year would enable an MK to leave his faction only with the approval of a majority of his faction.

A similar majority would be re-

quired to allow a faction to split, while two factions seeking to unite would have to get a majority in both to make the union possible.

Klinghoffer said that he had not intended to make his proposals known until they had been cleared at coalition level, but changed his mind after Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor last month also called for action against floor-crossing (though not in a draft law).

The Klinghoffer proposal would also enable a faction to expel one of its MKs from the Knesset and take back his seat if he infringes faction discipline.

Klinghoffer said that he decided to make his proposal as a result of the behaviour of a fellow-Liberal.

This MK crossed the floor towards the end of the Ninth Knesset. Several years before that, he had delivered a thunderous speech, against another former Liberal who had crossed the floor to Labour.

Klinghoffer declined to name the personalities involved.

Klinghoffer, Nissim and Savidor are all Liberals. He said that the prevailing atmosphere in the Knesset, and the prevailing practice, are permissive with regard to an MK who owes his seat to his party list, yet behaves in the Knesset though he were elected on his own merits with his own personal programme or ideology.

"Knesset members want to have

their cake and eat it, too," he said. "I want to see an end to behaviour like that of the two Likud MKs — Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz — who crossed to the Alignment after the 1981 election, or the late Moshe Dayan who quit the Alignment after the 1977 election."

He said that although it might seem illogical for a faction to expel one of its members from the Knesset and lose face, there were examples of MKs in the present Knesset whose presence in their faction is damaging their parties' future electoral prospects.

Klinghoffer entered the Knesset in 1961 and served till 1973, being specially active in the Law Committee and the House Committee.

FBI guards 2 U.S. Jews reported on PLO 'action list'

WASHINGTON. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has reportedly stepped up security around two prominent American Jewish leaders and an Israeli diplomat after their names surfaced on a PLO "action list."

The *New York Times* yesterday reported that the name of a leading Democratic politician who has been active on behalf of Israel inside and outside the party also appeared on the list.

The newspaper, which did not identify the four names out of security considerations, said the U.S. Secret Service has given extra protection to the Israeli diplomat. But the others, as American citizens, do not qualify for this treatment, it said.

The Democratic politician speculated that his name appeared on the list because he has publicly

defended Israel's invasion of Lebanon.

"The federal authorities have told the Democrat that the documents in their hands do not necessarily mean he is a potential assassination target, but that he may rather be subjected to personal and professional embarrassment," the *Times* report said. "At the request of the FBI, local police have increased patrols in his neighbourhood and advised him on security measures for himself and his family."

The other two Americans are officials of a national American Jewish organization, the *Times* said. An FBI spokesman declined to confirm or deny the report.

Since the Israeli rout of the PLO in Lebanon, security authorities here have expressed concern over a possible new wave of terrorism against Israeli, Jewish and pro-Israeli targets.

Cairo assails Israel's plan for eight new settlements

CAIRO. — The Egyptian government yesterday condemned Israeli plans to erect eight new settlements on the West Bank and called on the international community to oppose the decision.

A statement released by a Foreign Ministry official described the decision, which was announced on Sunday as an example of Israel's record of "breaking resolutions and the charter of the UN and rules of international law."

"Egypt strongly condemns this policy and the Israeli continuation in declaring establishment of settlements and calls on the whole world and the U.S. to oppose Israeli acts which are against the international rules and norms," the statement said.

The comments were distributed by the government's Middle East News Agency.

Israel's settlement decision was also criticized by U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger before leaving Cairo for London yesterday morning.

Citing U.S. President Ronald Reagan's demand for a halt to Israel settlement activity, Weinberger said: "The president's initiative calls for negotiations to settle the precise territorial boundaries within the West Bank area, and anything that adds to the difficulties in that sense, whether in the name of security or not, should be suspended during the period of negotiations."

He expressed hope that the Israeli settlement move "would not in any way diminish the opportunities for the president's initiative to be adopted." He urged "further reflection" and a change of heart in Israel.

During his three-day stay in Egypt, Weinberger had talks with President Hosni Mubarak, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala.

He presented clarifications and answered questions on the Reagan initiative.

Weinberger spoke highly of the "special relationship" between Cairo and Washington, saying it was "an important key link" in efforts for an overall Arab-Israeli settlement.

Mubarak, meanwhile, arrived in Belgrade for talks yesterday with Yugoslav leaders on bilateral relations and world affairs, including the situation in the Middle East.

The Egyptian leader, accompanied by Ali, was welcomed by Yugoslav President Petar Stambolic, Prime Minister Milka Planinc and Foreign Minister Lazar Mojsov.

The visit marks the first summit meeting between the two states since the late president Anwar Sadat came to Yugoslavia in 1976.

The Egyptian leader declined to say anything on his arrival about Reagan's peace plan. (AP, UPI, Reuter)

ARAB SUMMIT

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convince them, to take a non-committal position at this stage and to leave all options open — particularly as certain elements of the plan such as the freeze on Israeli settlement and pre-empting of Israeli sovereignty in the administered territories are clearly favourable to the Arabs.

Accordingly, the PLO's 60-man executive committee, meeting in Tunis on Sunday night, decided to make a "preliminary study" of the plan before arriving at a final position.

This is probably the line that will prevail at the summit, where the U.S. initiative is certain to dominate discussions in the corridors, even if it does not come up for formal debate in the plenum.

And if it is, in fact, referred to in the final communiqué, this will probably reflect the non-committal position taken by the PLO — perhaps stressing the "positive elements" in the plan and noting that it would be studied further.

Meanwhile, the conference will probably address itself to other issues where an Arab consensus is more or less assured.

Thus the final communiqué is almost certain to come out in strong support of the PLO (Arafat received a stirring welcome when he arrived in Fez from his new base in Tunis yesterday, several Arab heads of state reportedly turning out at the airport to greet him).

It will also strongly condemn Israel's invasion of Lebanon, calling for the immediate withdrawal of its troops.

There is also a definite possibility that the summit will formally annul the mandate under which Syria has kept a large occupation army inside Lebanon since 1976. Damascus is now believed to be amenable to withdrawing its troops from Lebanon — provided that this is presented as clearly linked to a prior withdrawal of Israeli forces.

Other controversial issues certain to come up for discussion include the question of Egypt's return to the Arab fold; the Fahd plan; which is still formally on the Fez agenda, along with a Tunisian peace plan; and the Iran-Iraq war.

On none of these issues is an Arab consensus likely at this stage, although there could be some progress on the question of Egypt.

Lecturers' pay row threatens classes

TEL AVIV. — University lecturers may not go back to their classrooms when school begins next month. The lecturers are threatening to declare a labour dispute over an arbitration award which the universities and the Finance Ministry are now questioning.

Prof. Noun Shavit, chairman of the coordinating council of university faculties, said the lecturers' pay claims were submitted to arbitration and the arbitrators awarded them 5 per cent retroactive to April 1981, another 5 per cent retroactive to April 1982, and additional 5 per cent next April, and updating of certain other increments.

Tel Aviv University's rector

Yoram Dinstein, representing administration, said that the arbitrators dealt with issues not included in their authority, such as establishment of a new training fund, and the universities therefore decided to take the issue to the courts.

"The lecturers are creating a tempest in a teacup," he said. "If they want to defend their position, they can do so in court."

Habib to Washington

ROME (AP). — U.S. presidential envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib flew to Washington yesterday morning after a three-day holiday in Italy. U.S. officials said here.

SHAMIR URGES

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contradict Camp David. Shamir said that Israel had differences of opinion with the U.S., but the resultant debate need not interfere with the peace process.

He said that Europe should take stock of the new conditions recently created in the Middle East. He rebuked European states, which, in the course of meetings and receptions with PLO representatives, had attached exaggerated importance to the PLO. "This merely harms peace efforts," he said.

Shamir said that Europe could play a role in the normalization of relations between Israel and its neighbours — by assisting in joint Israel-Arab projects, for example. "But Europe should not take action in any other framework at present," he urged.

Shamir said that when he attends the UN General Assembly in New York he will confer there with European foreign ministers, and take the dialogue further.

The directors-general of the European Community foreign ministries, meeting in Copenhagen in a few days, are likely to express European approval for President Ronald Reagan's proposals on autonomy. David Kimche, the director-general of the Foreign Ministry, left for Copenhagen yesterday to convey Israel's negative stand on the Reagan proposals to his European counterparts, and so try to counteract European opposition to Israel's policy in the autonomy talks.

Victim named

EILAT (Itim). — The police announced here yesterday that the French tourist who was killed in Sunday's bus crash in the Negev was Corinne Levi. Her family has been informed.

Egyptians return tourist who entered illegally

EILAT (Itim). — Egyptian authorities at Taba last Saturday handed over to Israeli police a French tourist who had crossed the border illegally.

Jacques Facheout, 23, crossed from the Israeli side of Taba last Wednesday into southern Sinai. A routine inspection by Egyptian officials found that Facheout did not have the necessary exit permit from Israel nor a visa to Egypt.

Eilat police, who are investigating the incident, say he will be charged with illegally leaving the country.

Navon opens exhibition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — President Yitzhak Navon, yesterday, opened the largest-ever kibbutz industry exhibition at the fair grounds here, with over 200 kibbutz industries exhibiting at the fair.



Stravinsky soars

By DORA SOWDEN

TEL AVIV. — If the *Stravinsky in Dance* programme at the Mann Auditorium last night had had no more than Anna Sokolow's vibrant choreography of *Les Noces* (the Russian Peasant Wedding), it would have been enough. But twice over there was the real pleasure of having live music with ballet.

Sokolow's choreography was enriched by four pianists, six percussionists, a Scottish choir and four solo singers, and was danced by the Batsheva Company.

In *Pulcinella*, the Israel Sinfonietta conducted by Mendi Rodan, and three experienced and engaging singers provided the marvellous Pergolesi music recomposed by Stravinsky, and the Batsheva Company recreated the Murray Louis choreography which they had done for Israel Television.

As a bonus, *Le Renard* was given a whimsical stage production with four singers throwing themselves into the action and Rodan and his Sinfonietta at their best.

The performance will be repeated tonight.

Dancer backs out

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Another performer from abroad has backed out of the Israel Festival, evidently as a result of political pressures.

The latest cancellation came from Indian dancer Leela Samson, who informed the Israel consulate in Bombay, which had arranged her visit, that she was not coming because of unrest in the Middle East. Last week the festival management was informed by the Bucharest Workshop Theatre that it could not come because the actors were busy preparing for the opening of the theatre season. A Polish group cancelled its appearance at the outbreak of the war in Lebanon.

A spokesman for the festival said that it was clear the Indian dancer had cancelled because of political pressure. She was due to appear at the Jerusalem Khan and the Tel Aviv Museum.



Defence Minister Ariel Sharon chats last night with singer-songwriter Naomi Shemer at the Hamam Club in Jaffa, where she was awarded a double platinum record from CBS Records for selling 90,000 copies of her album, *Al hadash v'al ha'ketz* (The Honey and the Sting). (IPPA)

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the IDF is stepping up its security measures, and said that several new Israeli and Lebanese Army checkpoints were seen along the highway between Beirut and Safar, where the Syrian-held territory begins.

Commenting on IDF operations in West Beirut where bulldozers have been clearing roads of mines and obstacles, Sharon said that Israel was "helping the Lebanese Army in accordance with its request... so that Beirut will become a safe, open city."

The Lebanese Army yesterday continued to set up roadblocks and take over positions vacated by the PLO in West Beirut. Lebanese troops moved into the area near the luxury hotels and into the Sakhami residential quarter, where the PLO maintained its headquarters for more than 10 years.

The Moubaitoun also handed over to the Lebanese Army more of the weapons left behind by the PLO, including rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns, cannons and rockets. Some of these weapons had been hidden in a dump near the municipal stadium in West Beirut.

But Lebanese Army sources believe that the Moubaitoun is still holding on to a large amount of weaponry, including several tanks and missiles, in case civil war resumes.

The Moubaitoun indeed claimed yesterday that its members, in conjunction with the PLO and the Druse militia headed by Walid Jumblatt, had opened a "partisan

war against the Zionist enemy."

The leftist militia claimed that its members had carried out two military operations within the past 48 hours, in the course of which 12 IDF soldiers were killed, wounded or captured. This includes the Israeli soldiers captured near Bhamdoun on Saturday, whose number they set at nine, rather than the eight reported missing by the IDF spokesman.

The Moubaitoun also declared yesterday that it will not evacuate its positions near Beirut Port while the U.S. contingent of the multinational force is still in control of the facility. They said that the Americans might hand over the harbour area to the Israelis.

Moubaitoun leader Ibrahim Kheir said that his forces would leave the port only after the Marines departed and that he was ready to hand over their positions only to the French and Italian contingents of the multinational force.

Beirut Radio reported that South Yemeni Ambassador Abdullah el-Saleh met with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and complained Israeli soldiers were occupying the Yemeni Embassy in Bir Hassan, near the airport.

New moshav in Judea

Jerusalem Post Staff
Ground was broken this week for the 58th settlement in the Mateh Yehuda region, a moshav named Nechusha. Its 19 founding religious families hope it will eventually comprise 80 families.

U.S. BELIEVES

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for supposedly ignoring the president's request.

Ironically, the Americans are well aware that the more strained the U.S.-Israeli relationship becomes after the Reagan peace plan, the more likely it is that Jordan will win a green light from the Arab summit to join the talks designed to establish a five-year transition period in the West Bank and Gaza.

Quick Israeli acceptance of the Reagan proposals as a basis for renewed negotiations, the Americans have conceded, would have virtually insured Jordanian and Arab rejection.

At a White House ceremony, Reagan will present the nation's highest civilian award tomorrow to special envoy Philip Habib, who negotiated the PLO withdrawal from Beirut.

Yitzhak Persky buried

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Yitzhak Persky, father of MK Shimon Peres, was buried yesterday at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Persky was 84. Among the many mourners were former defence minister Ezer Weizman, MKs Avraham Shapira and Yigal Horowitz, and leaders of the Labour Party.

The faculty and staff of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies join Dr. & Mrs. M. Bernard Resnikoff in mourning the passing of their son

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THE JERUSALEM POST POLL

Begin's popularity rises

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Premier Menachem Begin's popularity reached its highest point in nearly two years, while Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's standing slipped during the war in Lebanon, according to a *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted in the third week of August. Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor have also enhanced their positions. The only opposition politician to make any headway was Yitzhak Rabin, while Shimon Peres slipped far down the chart.

Q: "Who is best suited to be prime minister?"

| | August 82 | June 82 | May 82 |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Menachem Begin | 54.0 | 51.5 | 40.4 |
| Yitzhak Rabin | 14.2 | 12.7 | 10.9 |
| Yitzhak Navon | 4.4 | 5.7 | 10.1 |
| Shimon Peres | 3.4 | 4.7 | 7.5 |
| Ariel Sharon | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| Ezer Weizman | 1.5 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| Others | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| Undecided | 18.8 | 21.8 | 25.8 |

The poll was conducted by the Modi'in Ezrachi research institute among a representative sample of 1,937 adults. Begin's popularity has increased 14 per cent since May. Institute director Sara Shemer pointed to Rabin's steady rise in the polls and the marked decline in Peres's standing. A demographic analysis indicates that more than ever before, Begin enjoys the loyalty of the Likud's blue-collar constituency, mainly Jews of African or Asian origin.

Q: "Who is best suited to be defence minister?"

| | August 82 | June 82 | May 82 |
|---------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Ariel Sharon | 51.8 | 56.0 | 42.1 |
| Ezer Weizman | 6.7 | 4.6 | 10.5 |
| Yitzhak Rabin | 5.2 | 5.3 | 8.1 |
| Haim Bar-Lev | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Mordechai Gur | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Rafael Eitan | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Others | 3.4 | 2.7 | 4.8 |
| Undecided | 26.9 | 25.8 | 28.6 |

Shemer noted that although Sharon remained the unchallenged choice for defence minister, his standing has eroded since the war in Lebanon, probably because of the criticism aimed against his performance. Sharon's strongest support is among the Sephardi younger voters (18-22), the less educated, and supporters of the Likud and the religious parties.

Q: "Who is best suited to be finance minister?"

| | August 82 | June 82 | May 82 |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Yoram Aridor | 36.0 | 33.8 | 34.4 |
| Yigael Hurwitz | 4.9 | 6.9 | 6.4 |
| Haim Ben-Shahar | 2.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Ya'acov Levinson | 2.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| Gad Ya'acobi | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| Ya'acov Meridor | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Simcha Ehrlich | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Others | 2.9 | 2.2 | 4.3 |
| Undecided | 49.0 | 48.1 | 44.5 |

Shemer noted Aridor's constant popularity despite the heavy taxes imposed after the war. His predecessor at the Treasury, Yigael Hurwitz, still holds second place, with the two nearest Labour rivals, Ben-Shahar and Levinson claiming one-fifth of his support.

Q: "Who is best suited to be foreign minister?"

| | August 82 | June 82 | May 82 |
|----------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Yitzhak Shamir | 42.4 | 41.2 | 34.5 |
| Abba Eban | 13.7 | 14.4 | 18.5 |
| Yitzhak Rabin | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| Chaim Herzog | 1.4 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Ezer Weizman | 1.7 | — | 1.9 |
| Shimon Peres | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| Moshe Arens | 1.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Others | 3.0 | 3.1 | 4.1 |
| Undecided | 32.3 | 36.0 | 34.1 |

Lebanese Druse 'ready to meet with Jemayel'

KIRYAT SHMONA (Itim) — Lebanese Druse have indicated that they want to meet with Maronite President-elect Bashir Jemayel to work out a solution to the decades-old dispute between their communities, said Kamal Mansour, the president's adviser on minority affairs, after a visit to Druse villages in Lebanon.

Mansour, himself Druse, said that negotiations are needed to settle several outstanding issues and to reach a permanent agreement. The Druse will seek the removal of roadblocks in their area manned by

Phalange troops and the return of a position traditionally held by the Druse in the village of Beit Eddin, which was handed over to the Phalange during Operation Peace for Galilee.

The Phalange, for its part, will probably demand the removal of roadblocks manned by Druse at the entrance to Druse villages, Mansour said.

Relations between the Druse and the Christians have been quiet for the past week, following several exchanges of gunfire during the past two months.

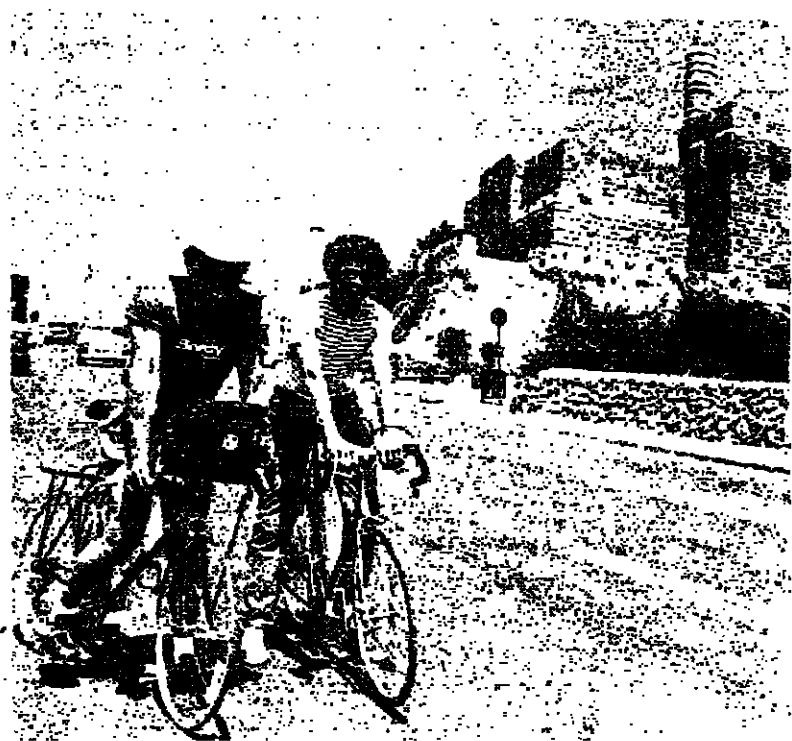
First sabra alligator born at Hamat Gader

HAMAT GADER — The first alligator to be born in captivity in Israel was hatched here yesterday at the Hamat Gader hot springs.

The 15-centimetre-long infant "gator" was born after 73 days of incubation on the banks of its pond, home of 119 alligators imported

from Florida and Georgia last year as a tourist attraction.

Dark green with black stripes, the young alligator is currently housed in an incubator. The newborn still does not have a name, because it is too early to tell whether it is male or female.



U.S. Congressman Mickey Leland of Houston, Texas (left) and American hotel chain owner Jerry Dunfee pause to pose near Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem at the start of a bicycle tour of Israel. Leland has visited Israel many times and sends a group of youngsters from his district to a kibbutz every summer. (Zoom 77)

Cycling congressman to visit Lebanon, but bike is banned

By DAVID RUDGE

HAIFA — Freewheeling U.S. congressman Mickey Leland is breaking off his cycle tour of Israel today to go on a fact-finding visit to Lebanon.

The 37-year-old Democrat from Houston, Texas, and 47-year-old hotel owner Jerry Dunfee from Boston, had hoped to make the trip on their bicycles, but were told they would have to go by car for security reasons.

The two have already cycled hundreds of kilometres around Israel since arriving in the country last Monday. They pedalled their way around the Dead Sea in temperatures of between 38 and 40 — to the astonished stares of passing motorists.

"Most people thought we were crazy to be cycling in that kind of heat, it was very taxing but we kept plugging on," said Leland, who is planning to stage a bicycle rally here next year.

They also pedalled to Jerusalem, Nazareth, Lake Kinneret, and farther north to Nahariya. "I thought that while we were here I would like to visit Lebanon and see how the people there feel now that the war is over and the PLO have gone. I was in Beirut in July and the general view of the residents was that they were happy with what had happened and they treated the Israelis as liberators," said the congressman.

TV board raps interviewer for being 'unfair' to newsmen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The board of directors of the Broadcasting Authority unanimously declared yesterday that interviewer Ram Evron dealt unfairly with journalist Avshalom Kor on last week's *This is the Time* programme.

The board decided not to censure or punish Evron, but to state that "in the future, interviewers must not offend, the persons they interview or place them in the position of an accused."

They were referring to Evron's interview with Kor, who, along with another colleague of Gali Zahal, was recently removed from the Journalists' Association. Kor was found to have provided Israel Defence Forces Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan with lists of Army

Programme journalists who had allegedly voiced leftist opinions.

The complaint against Evron was sounded by Likud board member Aharon Papo, who said he was not demanding that the TV host be removed from the programme, if he refrained from hostile questioning in the future.

Authority director-general Yosef Lapid said the interview was a lapse, and that Evron is usually an "elegant and controlled" questioner.

The board also approved a budget for the next six months of IS870 million. It also held part of its meeting in closed session, reportedly to discuss the naming of Zvi Shapiro, director of Gali Zahal, as director of programming for Israel TV.

IDF soldier is 'prisoner of conscience'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israeli soldier jailed for refusing to serve in Lebanon has been named a "prisoner of conscience" by Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organization, according to the soldier's mother.

Eli Gozanski, 20, an Armoured Corps sergeant, was sentenced last week to 28 days in jail for refusing to serve. He had earlier been sentenced to two 14-day jail terms for the same offence.

At a Jerusalem press conference, his mother, Tamar Gozanski, said the military authorities had told her they would not release her son because "cowards," and not just conscientious objectors, might follow his example. She said he had been declared a "prisoner of conscience" by Amnesty International.

Gozanski was one of 27 high-school students who wrote Prime Minister Menachem Begin in 1979 telling him they objected to serving in the areas administered by Israel since 1967.

El Al workers ask Begin to oppose boycott

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT — El Al's workers yesterday called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to speak out against the boycott of El Al declared by Agudat Yisrael's Council of Torah Sages and to stop what it called the religious coercion imposed by a small minority on the majority.

"As the prime minister of the entire public, we expect you to put your weight behind the needs and desires of the majority, which according to public opinion polls opposes the closure of El Al on Saturdays and holidays," the workers wrote in a letter to Begin.

The letter notes that until now El Al has not been boycotted, despite its Sabbath operations, but now it is boycotted, despite last week's temporary High Court of Justice injunction that it may continue flying on Saturdays.

The vast majority of the passengers on Saturdays are Christian tourists who contribute to Israel's economy and are served not only by El Al, but by the entire network of airport and tourism workers, the workers said.

"If El Al stops flying on

weekends," they say, "why should we be 'Sabbath goyim' to the foreign airlines?"

The workers intend to refrain from demonstrative action against the boycott as long as the issue of Sabbath flights awaits a final decision by the court, workers committee spokesman Gabi Saltzman told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

However, they will continue their public opinion campaign, which has so far brought a flood of supportive letters from kibbutzim, factories, groups and private citizens, all of whom favour the continuation of El Al's flights on Saturdays and religious holidays.

Saltzman denied reports that the boycott has already led to cancellations of flight reservations on El Al, saying that by yesterday evening no effect of the boycott had yet been noticed.

The Joint National Religious Party and Hapoel Hamizrachi secretariat announced earlier this week that they oppose the Agudat Yisrael boycott. In a special meeting the secretariat decided that Hapoel Hamizrachi would continue to search for a compromise between the airline workers and the government resolution to stop its Sabbath operations, and to try to prevent a

Kulturkampf between the religious and non-religious communities.

Former Mapam MK Chaika Grossman yesterday called upon Jews everywhere to fly El Al and strengthen Israel's national carrier. "El Al will survive and grow stronger despite Agudat Yisrael and Premier Begin, who surrenders to them," Grossman said at a Rotary Club meeting in Tiberias.

Deputy Transport Minister David Shiffman said he opposes the boycott, which reminded him of the "darkness of the Middle Ages." Shiffman said that while the court was debating El Al's Sabbath flights a boycott is not a legitimate weapon.

"What Agudat Yisrael is accomplishing is the transferring of religious Jews from a kosher flying kitchen to non-kosher ones. I don't think that's right," he said.

Agudat Yisrael MK Avraham Porush said yesterday that El Al's workers cannot have it both ways. "If they continue to abuse us, what must we do? What does a Jew do in such a case? He will buy goods from someone who respects him." Porush said that as long as El Al continues flying on Saturdays, Jews will not fly with them.

Local robots to multiply, pick fruit, sew

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Israeli robot population will grow from less than 10 today to over 1,500 in a decade, industry ministry chief scientist Arie Lavi told a press conference yesterday.

Lavi announced formation of an Israeli chapter of two international associations connected with the fast-developing computer field: CISA — Computers and Automated Systems Association, and SME — Society of Manufacturing Engineers. There are already several hundred engineers and technicians working in computer-related fields, with the numbers increasing every month.

Prof. Lavi said that one factor in rapid development of this field in-

cluding automation and robotics is the effort of his office to aid industry to enter this field.

Among the activities he mentioned the two study centres already established connected with robotics, at the Technion in Haifa and at the kibbutz industry's Ruppiner centre in Emek Hefer. He said that another four or five study centres for robotics are being planned, including at Tel Aviv University and at Ben-Gurion University.

He said that it was still too early to say whether Israel should import robots or produce them here. "What is certain is that there is a need for robots in Israel's industry today," he said that Israel is ripe for this new technology since it has the technical know-how. In addition jobs the robots will perform in in-

dustry will not effect employment.

There are already about 10 companies in Israel that are in various stages of planning or developing robots. This includes robots that can weld, manufacture machine tools, polish precious stones, sew sport shoes, package agricultural produce, pick citrus and drive tractors.

On the establishment of the CISA and SME chapter in Israel, Lavi said it was needed so that Israelis dealing in this field could exchange know-how with their colleagues all over the world.

Lavi is the chairman of the organizing committee and Razi Rom, president of Cycom Computerized Systems, is the managing director of the committee.

Jerusalem teachers' strike called off

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first day of school is due to begin several days late today for almost 2,000 Jerusalem pupils, but there may still be delays to the start of some pupils' studies.

A strike by the teachers union at the Paula Ben-Gurion School in Rehavia, the Eliashar School in Givat Mordechai and the Guelim Aiel School in Baka was called off yesterday after the principal of the Gymnasias Rehavia, the secondary school which is supposed to take in pupils from the three schools into a new junior high, agreed to a formula which satisfied the teachers union.

Earlier the principal had told the municipality that he could not implement the new programme under existing circumstances and, although he later retracted this statement, this did not satisfy the union.

However, the end of the strike left a dilemma for at least some of the parents of seventh-grade pupils who are to go into the new stream. Parents in Givat Mordechai and Rehavia have been claiming that the high school is not yet equipped to take in their children. If they keep the youngsters away now, they will be breaking the law. These parents are due to meet today to decide upon their strategy.

Open University awards first diplomas

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The first 41 graduates of Tel Aviv's Open University yesterday received their degrees in a ceremony attended by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, Mayor Shlomo Lahat and university president Abraham Ginzburg.

At a press conference before the ceremony, Ginzburg said the university had developed 100 courses and plans to increase its offerings to 150. The books written for the Open University's courses are in demand at other universities throughout the country, he added.

Most of the graduates, who are

job holders aged between 30 and 40 with families, have already registered for further studies in other universities, it was learned. Two of the graduates, residents of Taiba village, in the Arab Triangle, majored in Jewish studies.

Hammer said that if and when Israel Television gets a second channel, a large part of its broadcasts will be educational programmes and University courses.

PRIZES — Ten pupils received awards from the Education Ministry and the Manufacturers Association yesterday for their essays on "Industry and the Economy in Israel."

Police keeping out of TA school flap

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Police here yesterday began investigating the complaint filed by the city against a group of parents who are keeping Neve Zahal's Hagail school from opening.

The police said, however, that they will refrain from interfering in the dispute as long as it remains non-violent.

The parents, who oppose the city's decision to transfer the school's first-graders to the Hayarden school in the Hatikva quarter and Neve Barbour's first-graders to the Hagail.

Police District Commander Nit-zav Avraham Turgenman, who was accused Sunday by Mayor Shlomo Lahat of shirking his duty in not stopping the parents from closing the Hagail school, said yesterday that he has received cables and letters from public figures, Knesset members and citizens supporting the police in not intervening in the dispute.

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Solidarity day fatalities now 5 as Lubin miner dies

WROCLAW (Reuters). — A 28-year-old miner has died from gunshot wounds in the copper-mining town of Lubin, bringing to five the number of reported deaths resulting from last week's demonstrations against martial law in Poland, official sources said.

The sources in Wroclaw, centre of the southeastern mining region, said Michal Adamowicz was one of 14 persons reported wounded when police fired on demonstrators marking the second anniversary of agreements opening the way for the independent trade union Solidarity.

Two men were shot dead in the Lubin disturbances, one was shot in Wroclaw, and another died of internal injuries in the northern port of Gdansk.

The authorities yesterday maintained an 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. curfew in the main cities of the region for persons under 18, but relaxed it to start at 11 p.m. for those over 18.

In Warsaw, Wladyslaw Gomułka, ousted in disgrace as Poland's Communist leader 12 years ago, was buried yesterday amid warm tributes and military honours by the country's political and military rulers.

An honour guard fired a three-volley salute as Gomułka's coffin was interred at Powazki cemetery after glowing addresses from veteran Communist Party Secretary Kazimierz Barcikowski and another former close associate.

Watched by martial law leader Wojciech Jaruzelski, most of the government and emissaries from Poland's east bloc allies, Barcikowski described Gomułka, who died last Wednesday, as a great Pole and a great Polish activist.

His words echoed earlier official tributes indicating that Gomułka, who fell from power two years after the riots of 1970, had been effectively rehabilitated.

International money conference opens World economy reported at a 40-year low point

TORONTO (Reuters). — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said yesterday that the world economy was in its worst shape in 40 years, and global lending agencies must take the lead to see the international financial system does not collapse.

Welcoming financial officials to Toronto from more than 140 countries, Trudeau formally opened a four-day annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank with a plea for unity in trying to solve the world's economic problems.

He said the global economic situation was the worst it had been at any time since the IMF and World Bank were conceived in 1944.

Before yesterday's formal conference opening, the major industrial countries decided that

agreement was needed by April on how to bolster the IMF's resources through member contributions, known as quotas.

With the notable exception of the U.S., which has the largest voting share in the IMF, all the major Western democracies called for a substantial increase in countries' contributions to the fund.

Both Trudeau and IMF managing director Jacques de Larosiere, who spoke later, said it was imperative that the resources of world lending institutions be increased to deal with the world's financial and economic problems.

The financial crisis in Mexico (see below), and concern that other Third World countries are about to collapse under their heavy burden of debts to the West, has overshadowed the conference since delegates began arriving last week.

"The fund should now take the lead in examining as a matter of urgency whether the current international arrangements provide adequate protection against financial crises or whether they should be further developed," Trudeau said.

Admitting the grimness of the current global economic situation, de Larosiere urged countries not to resort to expansionary policies that would re-ignite world inflation.

Governments should concentrate instead on reducing their spending and deficits while keeping open markets for trade, because "there are no quick fixes," the IMF managing director said.

World Bank President Tom Clausen agreed in his address that countries need to pursue prudent policies to get their economic houses in order. But he said that the industrial countries should not pare spending at the expense of the Third World.

Turk ship sunk by Iraqi missile, Ankara reports

ANKARA (AP). — A Turkish cargo ship sank in the Persian gulf on Saturday after it was hit by Iraqi missile fire, the Foreign Ministry disclosed yesterday.

Three crew members were killed, the ministry said, and the 27 survivors were taken to Tehran aboard a special plane sent by Iran. The ministry announcement said the ship, Mar Transporter, caught fire when it was hit in the engine room near the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini east of the Shatt al-Arab waterway.

The announcement refrained from blaming Iraq, saying that Iraq had announced that the waters were dangerous for commercial traffic in an August 12 notice.

Iraq on Saturday announced the sinking of four vessels in the gulf the same day — two ships heading for Iran's major oil terminal on Kharg Island and two cargo ships off Bandar Khomeini.

French sapper dies

PARIS (AP). — A policeman who lost his arms and legs in an anti-Arabian terrorist attack two weeks ago died yesterday in his hospital room, police sources said.

Bernard Mauron, a 37-year-old bomb disposal expert, was injured August 21 while approaching a bomb discovered in a parking space that had been occupied by a car belonging to an American diplomat.

He was the second policeman to die in the attack. Bernard Le Dreau, another explosives expert, was killed instantly when the bomb exploded on a fashionable residential street about 500 metres from the Eiffel Tower.

Saudis hounded out of Iowa town

OTTUMWA, Iowa (UPI). — City officials here, upset over the loss of a \$2 million training programme after a series of attacks against Saudi Arabian students, said "vandals and troublemakers" were responsible for the incidents.

Mayor Jerry Parker said Sunday the vast majority of the city's residents were "supportive of the Saudi programme and wanted it to stay."

Officials of three corporations — fearful for the safety of the 149 Saudi students and their families — decided Saturday to move the aviation and language training programme elsewhere after a shot was fired at two Saudis and five other students were beaten by townspeople in separate incidents last week.

"We're a community of over 27,000 and less than 20 people are able to embarrass us internationally," Parker said.

U.S. hints at readiness to compromise on pipeline

TORONTO (Reuters). — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan yesterday said that the Reagan Administration might be willing to reconsider its controversial Soviet gas pipeline sanctions if West European countries could find a way to resolve the dispute.

The Secretary declined, however, to say what the U.S. wants from the Europeans in exchange for reconsideration of the sanctions.

Regan, who is heading the American delegation to the annual meeting here of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank, said he had had several discussions this week with various West European officials.

The sanctions prevent American firms, their subsidiaries overseas and foreign companies operating under U.S. licences from exporting any American oil and gas equipment or technology that would be used for the pipeline.

The West European countries most affected by the sanctions, Britain, West Germany, Italy and France, have instructed their companies to fulfil contracts and supply such equipment.

Until now, President Ronald Reagan's Administration has shown little willingness to lift or ease the sanctions, although last week it agreed to redefine them in a way that would do less damage to European firms.

Originally, the sanctions dealt with all U.S. goods and technology that would be used in the pipeline. Under last week's decision, the U.S. will try to stop only equipment and technology that specifically concerns oil and gas.

Regan's statement yesterday was the first indication that the U.S. may be willing to change significantly its position on the sanctions.

Sicilians hold general strike to protest Mafia murders

PALERMO (UPI). — Workers in this Sicilian capital held a four-hour general strike yesterday and public transport throughout Italy stopped for 10 minutes to protest the Mafia killing of Gen. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa and his wife.

The work stoppages came as Emanuele de Francesco, 61, the government's new high commissioner to combat organized crime, arrived in Palermo to assume his post as Dalla Chiesa's successor.

De Francesco, the head of the Italian secret services, was named to succeed Dalla Chiesa by the Italian cabinet during an emergency meeting on Sunday, after the general and his wife were killed in a Mafia ambush Friday night in Palermo.

"I have come to Palermo with the intention of continuing the work of my colleague Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa. I hope that my shoulders are strong enough to withstand this

difficult heritage," De Francesco said.

In Palermo some 3,000 workers held a protest rally in one of the city's main squares and then marched by the spot where Dalla Chiesa — who was Italy's leading anti-terrorism and anti-Mafia figure — was killed with his wife as they were driving home.

Throughout the country all public transport was halted for 10 minutes at 11 a.m. in what the national unions called a symbolic protest against organized crime.

In Rome, Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini met with Mario D'Alejo, the president of the Sicilian region, to discuss the new powers that will be invested in De Francesco to combat the Mafia.

Palermo police, meanwhile, reported that they had questioned 120 suspected Mafia members about their whereabouts on the night Dalla Chiesa was killed. All were released.

New Chinese constitution stresses collective rule

PEKING (UPI). — China's Communist Party adopted a new party constitution yesterday that eliminates the last rhetoric of the cultural revolution and declares there can never be another leader with the absolute powers of Mao Tse-tung.

A spokesman said the Communist Party congress now under way will elect a new central committee today and pass resolutions creating an expanded disciplinary commission and a new advisory commission.

Together, the three bodies will form the base of a new party power structure under the nominal leadership of Chairman Hu Yaobang, who is to switch his chairman's title for that of general secretary.

The new constitution contains provisions intended to curb corruption and abuse of power.

It forbids the formation of "personal cults" such as the one that surrounded Mao and stresses the principle of "collective leadership" to keep any one person from amassing too much power.

It also says party members must "serve the people wholeheartedly" and never use public office for personal gain.

The stress on honesty comes at a time when the party, by its own admission, suffers from a lack of public confidence, inefficiency and corruption — its legacy from the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution now condemned as a "national catastrophe."

Nationalized Mexican banks face long lines, but no panic

MEXICO CITY (AP). — President Jose Lopez Portillo hoisted his nation's flag atop the headquarters of the Bank of Mexico yesterday in a gesture symbolizing the first day of state-controlled banking.

There were long lines at banks in the capital for the start of business, but no early sign of panic withdrawals, as had been feared by some Mexican officials.

"I haven't had any money for five days," shrugged a woman waiting

outside a downtown office of Bancomer, the largest private bank in Latin America until Lopez Portillo expropriated the banking system last week.

The nation's 4,159 bank offices and branches were closed last Wednesday in honour of the president's state of the union message and he also ordered them closed Thursday and Friday to facilitate the government takeover.

Lopez Portillo's symbolic flag-raising was accompanied by implementation of a new currency exchange system designed to provide more equitable money rates. He made no statement during the brief ceremony.

Lopez Portillo must still show international investors the nation can solve its economic troubles, and convince Mexicans the government can run the banking system better than the private sector.

The new exchange rate slashes the value of the peso against the dollar. The Mexican currency is being pegged at 50 to the dollar for importers of basic foods and other essential goods, and at 70 pesos to the dollar for everyone else.

COSMOS 1405. — The Soviet Union yesterday announced the launch of the satellite Cosmos 1405 for the purpose of "continuing the exploration of outer space."

Sports

He, revelling in being loved, is still dangerous

NEW YORK (Reuters). — For you Ilie Nastase has been the man tennis crowds love to hate, his brilliant touch with the racquet overshadowed by interminable clowning and boorish court behaviour.

But at the U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows here, although well past his tennis prime and down to 97th in the world rankings, the 36-year-old Romanian has become the unlikely favourite. He responded to a adoring gallery of about 15,000 — the national tennis centre by battling back to record one of the tournament's biggest upsets when he beat 10th-seeded Johan Kriek of South Africa 4-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the last 16.

Even a \$1,000 fine imposed against him for "abuse of an official" in the last game of the tense three-hour and 25-minute match failed to dim the lustre of his triumph. Later, discussing the supportive gallery, Nastase said: "It was a nice change. Years ago, they were always against me."

"I always feel comfortable playing the better players in a big tournament because I like the challenge," said Nastase. "I've played so much tennis in my career that I've had to get motivated now. But a match like this will certainly go a long way in helping me. I don't consider myself an old man. I mean, I'm still dangerous."

Another 36-year-old veteran, Jaime Filol of Chile also scored an upset when he downed Fritz Buehning of the U.S. 7-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. Tom Gullikson eliminated Chip Hooper, who had put out 16th seed, Roscoe Tanner in the previous round.

John McEnroe, the top seed continues to show improvement with each match and moved into the fourth round with an impressive 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 victory over compatriot Vince Van Patten. McEnroe is bidding for a fourth consecutive Open title.

Guillermo Vilas, Eliot Teltscher and Steve Denton all advanced by second-seeded Jimmy Connors had to struggle early on against Jimmy Arias before winning 11 of the last 12 games to earn his berth in the next round with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory. Arias, just 18, broke Connors' record in the 10th game of the second set to even the match and the match broke him twice more in succession in the third set to go up 4-1, 8-6.

Connors turned the match around suddenly by winning nine consecutive games that carried him through. Arias said that he has developed leg cramps in the third set and couldn't run anymore. Connors and Nastase, the two former "bad boys of tennis" meet in the next round and Connors said: "I can't wait to play Ilie. Earlier in the week, we had joked to each other that if he lost three rounds I'd play him. I called him a dirty name, then. But now I take it back. It should be fun, win or lose."

In the women's event, second-seeded Chris Lloyd, aiming for her sixth Open crown, routed Kathy Latham of the U.S. 6-2, 6-0. Lloyd has dropped only five games in three matches.

Defending champion Tracy Austin, who is third-seeded, became the first player to reach the quarterfinals yesterday when she eliminated 14th-seeded Virginia Ruzici of Romania 6-1, 6-3.

Coe sparks off Europe's big meet

ATHENS (AP). — The 13th European Track and Field championships yesterday evening got off to an exuberant start at the new Olympic Stadium here — built with an eye to 1996 and the centenary of the modern games — with Britain's Sebastian Coe first to catch the eye. Looking very comfortable Coe won the first heat of the 800 metres in a good time of 1:48.66.

East German Ilona Stupaniek retained the women's shot putt title with a heave of 21.95m. to capture the first gold medal at the week-long athletic feast. Czechoslovakia's Helena Sibingerova took the silver with a 20.94 putt and Nunu Abashidze of the Soviet Union claimed the bronze.

Italian triumph

GOODWOOD, England (AP). — Giuseppe Saroni of Italy won the professional road race at the World Cycling Championships here. Greg Lemond of the U.S. was second and Sean Kelly of Ireland third. Saroni's time for the 275-kilometre event was 6 hours, 42 minutes, 22 seconds.

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At left, raggedy cover of posters on a wall of the supermarket in Beit Hakerem. At right, rubbish begins to spread on the upper level of the quarter's shopping centre.



At right, rubbish begins to spread on the upper level of the quarter's shopping centre.

JERUSALEM'S Beit Hakerem shopping centre has the amenities to make it equal to any charming European shopping mall — except for cleanliness.

Sandwiched between the local Co-op supermarket, which occupies the site for years, and a luxury apartment tower recently built above, the centre is a convenience and an attraction for residents of the capital's upper-middle-class quarter off Sderot Herzl. It offers some 30 small- and medium-size shops — from hairdressers and boutiques to sellers of books, health food, gifts, toys, flowers and pizza — all "geometrically encased" in glass.

But despite the elite clientele and the non-discount prices, the shopping centre has not been immune to the Israeli malady of filth and vandalism.

And it doesn't appear to be the fault of the shopkeepers, but of the shoppers and transient youngsters from Beit Hakerem and other neighbourhoods.

Any afternoon, but especially on Friday, the corridors between the stores are littered with cigarette butts, sunflower seed husks, ice cream wrappers and other refuse. The remains of flower pots, hanging from skylights, testify to the fact that the shopowners do care about aesthetics, but that vandals don't.

The marble exterior walls of the supermarket are plastered with printed obituaries and notices about local events, as well as hand-

AN UGLY MALADY

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

lettered ads for babysitters and used refrigerators.

"We hung a notice board near the entrance inside for public use," says supermarket manager Amram Ayash, pointing to the unsightly intrusions on the outside walls. "But people feel free to put up their notices in a more visible spot near the entrance. I can't spend the whole day standing guard."

FROM BENEATH a concrete staircase leading to the shopping centre there emanates the sweet-sick smell of urine — a shock to the senses in the ambience of Denmark Square. The supermarket manager complains that shopkeepers above carelessly throw litter and dirty water to the ground outside the doors of his store.

He asserts that his staff clean the two-metre-wide swath of sidewalk that abuts the supermarket, but that the municipality is delinquent in cleaning the concrete beyond. "Arab women park themselves on the plaza and sell sabras," continues

Ayash. "I complain to the city, but it doesn't do any good."

There isn't a single wastepaper container in the large square or in the shopping centre. Robert Banvolgye, a member of the centre's house committee who owns a boutique, explains: "The municipality told us that the police prohibit them for security reasons. We tried to get owners of stores that sell food to put bins nearby and keep an eye on them, but I can't get them to force every child to deposit his candy wrappers in them."

The municipal spokesman confirms that wastebins are prohibited in all public places around town, for fear that bombs might be hidden in them. "I didn't see any wastebins on the Champs Elysees in Paris, but it's clean," asserts spokesman Rafi Davara. "People should just keep the litter in their pockets until they find a proper place to throw it."

Banvolgye, in turn, complains that the municipality's waste collection system is inadequate. A big green garbage container is

parked in the supermarket's parking lot, taking up space and interfering with deliveries. The house committee member claims that it is not emptied frequently enough, and he personally has to take waste from his store to his home and dispose of it there, because the green monster is usually full.

Residents of the apartment tower and the adjacent buildings complain that the stench from the large garbage container used by the supermarket is unbearable.

The house committee collects the equivalent of \$1 per square metre per month from each shop for cleaning, and a two-man team does indeed clean the floors and stairs early each morning. But there isn't enough money to have them wash up the filth left by shoppers and passersby in the afternoon.

"I keep my shop neat," says the florist. "People don't educate their kids about how to behave in public places."

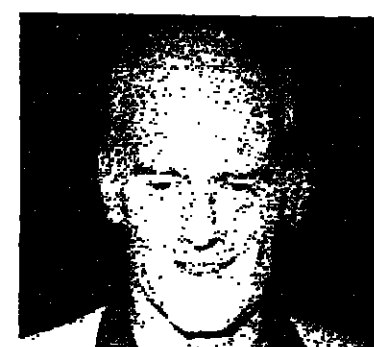
"It's not the kids' fault," says Carmella of the Shikshak gift shop. "They don't have wastebins to throw garbage in."

So the shopping centre remains dirty, hoping for the winter rains to wash down the sidewalks and scrub away unpleasant odours, as well as to reduce the number of ice-cream-eating kids.

A neighbourhood whose comfortably situated residents keep spic-and-span homes is blighted by a needless eyesore, perpetuated by everyone pointing to the next man as the person to blame.

Saying goodbye

At the end of his tour of duty in Israel, Canadian Ambassador JOSEPH STANFORD talks about relations between the two countries in an interview with *Post* Political Reporter Mark Segal.



Joseph Stanford (Vera Etzion)

WITH REGRET Joseph Stanford and his wife Agnes are leaving many friends in this country. Unlike some diplomats, the Canadian ambassador and his wife were constant guests at Israeli homes and entertained frequently in the spacious grounds of their Ramat Hasharon residence during their three-year tour of duty. Joe, as he is generally known, remarks "I'm better known as Mr. Agnes Stanford."

They both found Israel an exciting country. Stanford will never forget the consideration of President Yitzhak Navon, who moved up the date of his presenting his credentials when he arrived in August 1979, so the ambassador would not miss the official dinner for President Anwar Sadat in Haifa.

Israel and Canada, the envoy says, have much in common despite differences in size and population. Both are immigrant societies, rich in cultural diversity, and are still very much countries-in-the-making.

He sees three levels in the Canada-Israel relationship. First there is the personal and private plane, which he described as being very good. For him it had been a revelation to learn how much Canadian citizens had contributed privately to Israel's development. Secondly, the government and commercial level was improving. No less than six Israeli ministers visited Canada during Stanford's term. Last year the President of the Canadian Treasury Board, Donald Johnston, visited Israel and this January Canada's Minister of Trade, Industry and Commerce, Herb Gray, "had a most successful visit here, which should provide an impetus to commercial and economic relations."

Canada sells Israeli grains and goods, while importing half as much back from this country. Both countries are advanced technologically, he noted, and both support home industries and strive to export. He believes the two countries could complement each

other on the world market. And both are net importers of capital; hence there are not as many Canadian investments in Israel as there might be, Stanford remarked.

Thirdly, on the government-political level, relations are "also good — but could be better." Stanford took pains to explain that the visit of External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan had been postponed — not cancelled. Conflicting commitments in Canada had prevented the minister from coming here at present, he said.

SPEAKING in his open manner, Stanford, 48, confessed that one of his disappointments during his tour of duty here was "not having succeeded in doing more to improve the political dialogue between the two governments." Many issues had not been sufficiently discussed, he said, between Ottawa and Jerusalem. "I feel there could have been a better dialogue on the substance of peace and security issues in the Middle East."

The envoy, who is to become chief of the important U.S. desk in the External Affairs Ministry, noted that Canada has been a firm supporter of Israel in the world arena and has been active in UN peace-keeping units.

Beside his assignment in Israel, Stanford has been non-resident high commissioner in Nicosia. He called on the 500 Canadian soldiers serving with UN forces in Cyprus and also had in his charge the 250 Canadian troops serving on the Golan Heights in UNDOF (his country had a unit with UNIFIL in its early stages but not at present.)

Has the war in Lebanon affected Canadian-Israeli relations? Speaking thoughtfully, the ambassador said it had, mainly because of the impact of TV reports in Canada on battle scenes and the siege of Beirut. In Beirut, the residence of the Canadian ambassador was destroyed. "The reportedly high level of civilian casualties caused many Canadians to be markedly upset," he said and heightened public interest must of necessity provide an extra dimension to the government's perception. Then he added that "what the Canadian govern-

ment told Israel during the war did not differ from what was said before the war."

It was difficult for him to assess the long-term influence of the war and the changes it wrought. While interest would probably fade as the news story disappeared from TV screens, in the long run, there may be a change in Canadian perception of Israel as a very special kind of place. "But I would like to say that all of this is reversible, depending on the policies and practices Israel will adopt on the Palestinian issue. I have no doubt that the relationship between our countries remains very sound, as does Canada's commitment to Israel's security."

AMBASSADOR Stanford afforded an insight into official Canadian thinking when, airing concern at the lack of any dialogue between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. Even if the onus for the absence of dialogue did not rest with Israel, such dialogue appeared so essential to defining Israel's role in the region that this country could be expected to go out and seek it.

The drastic diminishing of PLU influence offered an opportunity — before people got set in the new status quo, Stanford declared speaking of the challenge facing Israel to entice the Palestinians into a dialogue with ensuing negotiations.

He added significantly: "For this to happen there would have to be something in it for them. I don't feel at present there is something in it for them." He then went out of his way to stress that one of the measures of the success of Premier Begin was the great strength enjoyed by Israel, which should encourage this country to take risk for peace.

Would the outgoing envoy risk comment on his colleague in Beirut Theodore Arcand, who before being transferred to Budapest this month, had made anti-Israel comments on Canadian TV. Had Arcand not gone too far, as diplomat, in his daily briefings West Beirut?

Picking his words carefully, Stanford said, "If I understand the 'charge,' so to speak, against Arcand, implicit in the question is that of whether he should have criticized Israel publicly. As a general matter of diplomatic practice, diplomats are from time to time required to make statements critical of other governments, including other friendly governments. I might add that if anyone seeks to respond to him, it would be preferable for him to tackle the substance of his remarks, rather than the fact of his having spoken publicly. After a diplomats from time to time become public figures."

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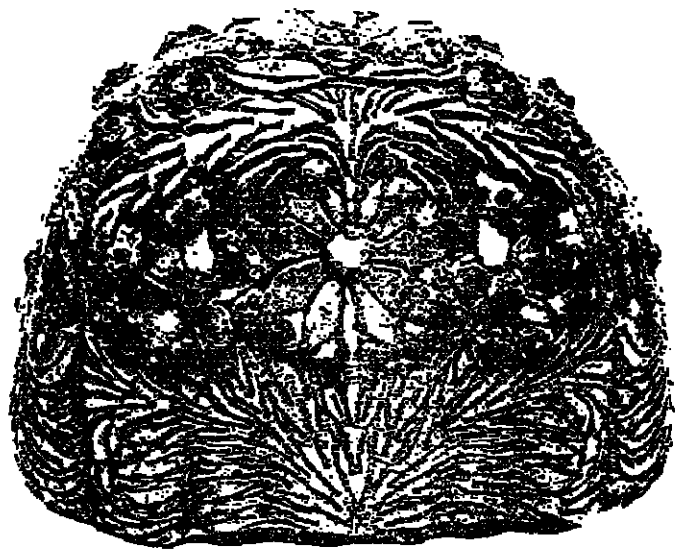
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Clockwise from top left: A Polish woman's cap with stones and sequins; shtriel from the Ramoh Synagogue in Crakow; title page of the Klonymous Codex with a dedication to the Polish nobleman who owned it; silver tefillin cases.

'Fragments of greatness'

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN ATTICS, archives and even wastebins, Rabbi Philip Hiat found hundreds of Judaica items during expeditions to Poland that will become a "floating exhibition" for display around the world.

Rabbi Hiat, spiritual leader of the Mt. Nebo Reform Congregation of Manhattan and assistant to Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is largely responsible for the collection, which the UAH has called "Fragments of Greatness." Israelis will be able to

view it in September of next year, on the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Until then, it will be shown at the Jewish Museum in New York and in other places around the world.

The exhibition is the direct result of a cultural and religious exchange agreement between the UAH and Warsaw University on behalf of the Polish government.

"Dozens of American Jewish organizations have tried to reach an accommodation with Poland. We were at the right place at the right

time," says Hiat, who has been a student of Polish Judaica for the last 35 years. "I have a real passion for this subject," adds the rabbi, whose parents were born in Poland.

He is a friend of Poland's Archbishop Jozef Glemp, as well as the bishop of Lublin and the Cardinal of Crakow. He was invited to Poland in March of last year by Prof. Witold Tyloch, the chairman of the department of Hebrew studies at Warsaw University.

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Warsaw University signed the agreement in New York a month later. As a result, Poland allowed Hiat not only to borrow items of Judaica for the exhibition, but also to visit private and government archives, study microfilm records and do research at libraries. The agreement also allows the exchange of scholars of Hebrew studies.

Staying at a Jerusalem hotel, Hiat slept with an attaché case containing some of the rare Judaica next to him. Among the valuable items are the Klonymous Codex, a 13th-

century Bible in Hebrew and Aramaic and beautifully illuminated, a *mahzor* (high holiday prayer book) of Wroclaw (Breslau) from the 12th or 13th century; and the illuminated Provisal Haggada, by Rabbi Ya'acov Tzarfat in the late 13th century. The earliest pieces are 11th-century coins that were made by Jewish silversmiths for Polish nobles.

The entire collection, says Hiat, is valued at over \$4 million.

A few items are not on loan, but Hiat has given permission to take

them permanently to the U.S. Among them are fragments from the Ramoh Synagogue in Crakow, and back issues of volumes published by the Jewish Historical Institute before World War II, a gift of the Jewish community of Crakow.

PRIME Minister Menachem Begin was also a beneficiary of Hiat's expedition: a file with his birth certificate and school records from the University of Warsaw were presented to him as a gift of the

Polish government.

Asked why the collection cannot somehow be presented as a gift to Israel, Hiat explains that the institutions that have preserved them want to keep them in their hands. "And I think it should be floating, so that Jewish communities around the world can see it."

With fewer than 8,000 Jews, most of them elderly, remaining in Poland, world Jewry will thus have to trust the Polish government to preserve Jewish treasures going back almost a millennium.

"PEACE WILL come to the Middle East, and indeed to the rest of the world, only if women are given a more significant role in the formation of foreign policy, if they become more actively involved in the whole political process."

The speaker was Phyllis Kaminsky, of Washington, D.C., co-founder with Elaine Dubow of New York City, of the Jerusalem Women's Seminar. Established in 1980, the Seminar was designed to provide an opportunity for women of high intellectual and professional achievement from North America to meet with their counterparts in the Middle East, and so to foster a spirit of understanding and compromise, in which the "aspirations of equality, development and peace could be achieved."

In pursuit of these aims, a group of 20 North American women spent two weeks in August meeting with their counterparts in Israel and Egypt. They included a Colorado state senator, a member of the Canadian Senate, the president of Women's World Banking, company directors, professors and writers. It is a stipulation of the privately-funded Seminar that, apart from the two founders, all the participants must be non-Jewish.

Enlarging on the plans of the project, Kaminsky said: "We hope to



Editor Helen O'Bannon

initiate many programmes between Egyptian and Israeli women, to help break the barriers of silence and overcome initial difficulties. But we'll also be there to nurture the projects, to give help when needed. And we shall return to America with a far greater understanding of the complexities of the situation here, which in turn will feed the continuation of our work. We want to continue the process started at Camp David."

A seminar with impact

By NOMI SHARRON/Special to The Jerusalem Post

There is also an emphasis on an inter-religious dialogue: Christian Americans came to meet with Jewish Israelis and Moslem Egyptians.

The impact on the group — for most of them their first visit to the Middle East — was overwhelming. The impact on those who met and spent time with them was no less significant. All stressed how much they themselves had learnt.

All the visitors seem to have been impressed, and most of them surprised, by the openness and honesty of the men and women they met with in Israel, the "emotional and cultural bridging of gaps."

"The Israeli politicians we met, and even the military men, were more forthright with each other than politicians are in the States. Very healthy!" said Kate Rand Lloyd, editor-in-chief of *Working Woman* magazine. Among the personalities she was referring to were President Yitzhak Navon; Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek; Dr. Yitzhak Arad, director of Yad Vashem; and Aluf Mishne Dalia Raz. There was a luncheon with the women MKs, and a tightly-packed schedule included many meetings with leading local women in all walks of life, and all shades of political opinion.

The group also visited several kibbutzim and a Beduin community, and sites of historical, religious and national importance. Helen Bohan O'Bannon, of Pennsylvania, was most moved by the visit to Yad Vashem.

"In the United States today, there

are groups of people burning books. This frightens me. Could what happened to the Jews happen to other people? The experience of Yad Vashem was overwhelming for me."

And another woman added: "I knew this part of Jewish history — that is, I knew the cold academic facts. But walking through Yad Vashem, I realized how little I knew. If nothing else happens on this trip, it will have been worthwhile, just for this."

IN EGYPT, the group met with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali, Director of Information Mohammed Hakkil, and leading women in many fields. These included Dr. Nadia Hegazy, microbiologist; Amal Chovin Catta, an artist and art promoter; and Mona Makra-Ebeid, a sociologist who recently held a fellowship at Harvard.

But the highlights of the trip were their visits to Jehan Sadat and President Hosni Mubarak's wife Suzanne.

"The first time I went to Israel," Anwar Sadat's widow told the group, "the people were so warm, I and my daughter fell in love with Israel. We have to find a way to come closer to each other, to make personal contacts. The wars have to stop, so that we can all live in peace together. We have so much to do together."

She asked the Egyptian women present to organize a group to pursue the work of the Seminar in their country, and agreed to be the guest of honour at a dinner to be given by



Jewel Jackson McCabe

the organization when she visits the U.S. in October.

Suzanne Mubarak said that she did not think of any higher education for herself until the second of her two sons started school, but she has just received her M.A. in political science. It was when her husband became vice-president that she began working with poor children, and she told the Seminar visitors about her community scheme that now encompasses some 6,000 slum children.

THREE ISRAELI women — Ruth Tekoa, member of the presidium of the Council of Women's Organizations in Israel, Dr. Yael Atzmon, its president, and Sara Meltzer — went to Egypt with the Seminar. Now, Meltzer and Suzanne Mubarak are going to work on social programmes together; Mrs. Mubarak is particularly interested in Project Renewal. Egyptian and Israeli women are searching for

ways to work together on volunteer programmes; it was stressed that they must "work together as equal partners, not one group teaching the other."

At the end of the visit, the women attempted to sum up the achievements of the trip. They all agreed on "the emotional impact of sharing the lives of the Egyptian and Israeli women at such close quarters. We felt privileged."

"There are differences between the situation of women in Egypt and in Israel," said Jewel Jackson McCabe, national president in the U.S. of the Coalition of 100 Black Women. "Israel is a more modern society, more Westernized, there is a greater consciousness of feminism here. But when one of the Egyptian husbands said, after a meeting of the women, 'We had better go home and organize,' I realized that the Egyptian women are on the way."

But the similarities between women are far greater than the national boundaries and political divisiveness. Yael Atzmon said, "In times of war, women are driven back to the stone age." But it is in times of war that women have their greatest role to play. Helen Bohan O'Bannon said: "... As women, we share a common language, which is qualitatively different. We have, perhaps, special sensitivities to offer in times of war. Our shared experiences of life as women, our similar struggles as mothers, as oppressed people, enable us to reach out to each other, to touch each other, without posturing, in a way that men seem unable to do."

HOW DID the women feel they could succeed where powerful groups of men, politicians and high-ranking officials, had not succeeded?

"All of us here are powerful

women, with powerful constituencies," said McCabe. "In the States now, women are coming out of 'women's issues' and into world issues — which of course are the women's issues. We are transcending the limitations of what used to be defined as women's issues — and we are being taken seriously, as a force to be reckoned with. We are at last gaining recognition by our male peers."

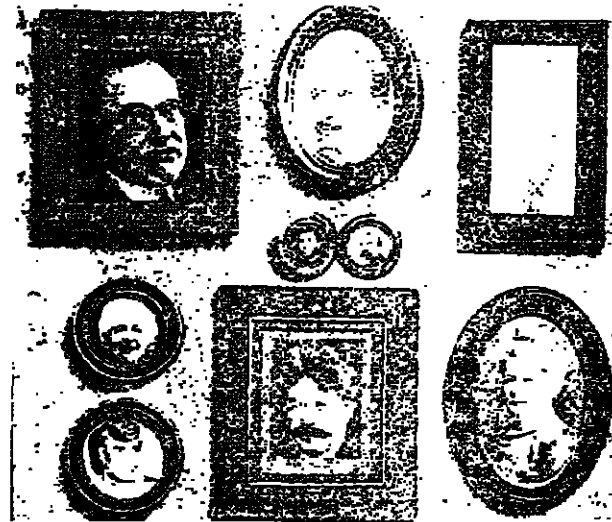
Mona Kraden, the Executive Director of the Jerusalem Women's Seminar, added that the group "has no delusions of grandeur. But it, through reaching out to each other through communication and understanding, that peace may possibly be achieved."

"Peace is not achieved by sitting round impressive boardroom tables by signing pieces of paper," continued Elaine Dubow. "Peace will come about through the development of mutual trust, which can only grow through direct contact between us. We come together through the things that unite us, not the things that divide us, and so we can build our future together. An outsider visiting us in Egypt would never have known which woman was Israeli, which Egyptian."

Perhaps the greatest achievement of this trip was in its *hasbara* value. This fact did not go unrecognized by the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry, both of which afforded the group VIP treatment and treated the group extremely seriously, though at first they had been sceptical. This group of women will have returned to the U.S. with, in the words of one of them, "far greater understanding of the complexities of the situation in the Middle East, with great respect and admiration for the women we have met."

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by Helga Dudman



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Red tape blues

DAVID KRIVINE looks into a case history that illustrates how not to attract foreign investors.

BUREAUCRACY means good (or at least) government policies applied in an insensitive manner. The story of the Hyatt Regency Hotel, under construction on the slopes of Mount Scopus, is a case in point.

The project dates back almost to the Six Day War. Latest applicants to take the venture in hand are two Mexican Jews who have made a name for themselves in the construction business: Nicolas Fainsod and Leon Reimers. They proposed in 1977 to build a five-star hotel on this historic site, with 600 rooms, for \$60m.

On the recommendation of the Tourism Authority, the Lands Administration made a 30-dunam plot available in February 1978 for a period of four years; by which time the hotel would be up. After that a new land lease would be drawn up for the long term.

A building licence was issued in March 1978. On the recommendation again of the Tourism Authority, the Investment Centre gave the venture "approved-enterprise" status the following month.

A year later, in April 1979, the Board of the Tourist Industry Development Company (TIDC) authorized a loan to the investors, and required that the loan contract be signed within six months. It was signed after 13 months, in May 1980.

The investors were entitled, under the Encouragement of Capital Investments Law of 1959, to customs exemption on imported materials and furnishings.

WITH ALL THESE hurdles cleared, the way was open for construction — or so the sponsors thought. But government policies began to change. First the Treasury

has been more than 16 months since I last wrote about the habit of bus drivers have of playing the bus radio — and playing it loudly.

Part of the reason for my silence is that I've bought myself a bicycle, and I ride it to work if it's not too hot and not raining too hard. Sometimes weeks go by without my having to travel by bus.

But when I do, the chances are fifty-fifty that the radio will be blaring away. Sometimes I say something to the driver, sometimes I don't. When I do, sometimes he lowers it, sometimes he doesn't.

There is, of course, a regulation against the loud playing of the bus radio, just as there is one against smoking in buses. Regulation 422(a) of the Traffic Regulations forbids the driver to play the radio loudly.

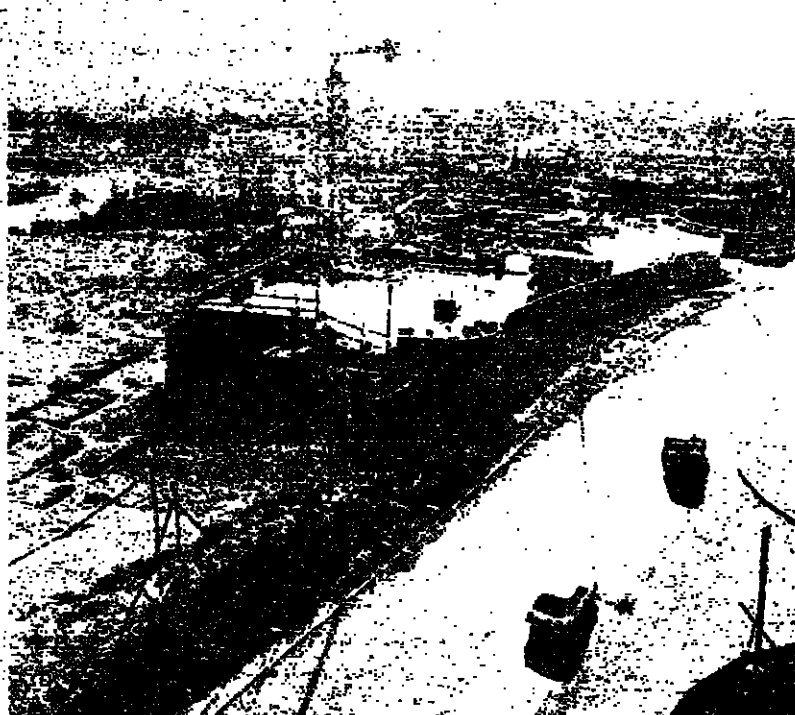
And it also requires him to turn off the loudspeakers designed for passengers and to lower the volume of his own loudspeaker at the request of even a single passenger.

Because the no-smoking regulation in city buses is absolute, the driver is more likely to be cooperative if a passenger complains of smoking by the driver himself or by another passenger.

But what is "loud playing" of a radio? And by how many decibels is the driver required to "lower the volume" in order to technically comply with the regulation? No wonder that a passenger's complaint to the driver on this score often ends with an argument.

Even the rare case that ends up in the courts does not always end with a victory for the passenger. Just a year ago, I was called to testify in the Traffic Court against a driver about whom I had complained to the Transport Ministry for having refused to lower the volume of the radio.

The learned judge threw me a bouquet by saying that he accepted



Hyatt Regency Hotel going up on the slopes of Mount Scopus. In the background, the National Police Headquarters and West Jerusalem. (Douglas Guthrie)

abolished the customs exemption, and offered to replace it with a cash grant amounting to 12 per cent of the investment.

This reform was not unreasonable. The old system favoured imports, a bias which did not matter when Israel had few competing supplies to offer. Now that a local industry exists, the zero-tariff put a premium on buying abroad.

The reform was timely — but the investors had made their calculations on the basis of the old regulations, and with the change in the law everything fell apart.

Angry, they halted construction, arguing that new rules should apply to new projects; they could not be expected to change horses in midstream.

Meanwhile, the Treasury wanted to change something else: the terms of the loan contract. Again there was a reason: three-figure inflation had taken hold. The outstanding portion of the loan, index-linked, would double every year, yet the increased debt was only 70 per cent index-linked. The Treasury demanded that this be altered to a 100 per cent linkage.

Again the investors, represented by the indefatigable law office of Shraga Biran, protested: a contract is a contract. They were upheld in this view by no less an authority than the attorney-general. The Treasury appealed to the investors to waive their contractual rights voluntarily. A formula was agreed: the loan is now dollar-linked, carrying 6 per

cent interest.

The investors accepted the stiffer terms both for the \$6m. grant and the \$12m. loan, showing goodwill. They are not complaining about that: it is water over the dam. The new requirements made by the Treasury were perhaps unavoidable, given the changing conditions in the Israeli economy. But there is a limit to the vexations that the foreign businessman can be submitted to. In dealing with the Hyatt hotel, the authorities now proceeded to cross that limit.

THE BUREAUCRATIC offences they committed can be grouped in three categories: quibbling over terms, nagging the investors, and inter-departmental squabbling. Quibbling. The grant is supposed to equal 12 per cent of the investment. Twelve per cent of the \$3.5m. disbursed in Stage One comes to \$420,000 — or so Biran calculates.

Shlomo Tal, director-general of the TIDC, sees it otherwise. The grant is supposed to be dollar-linked, he admits; but only from the date of application. The investors did not apply for the loan straight away.

There was a reason for that: their argument with the government. They did not want to give up their customs exemption. (It should be pointed out that they were entitled to the benefit all along, the only issue being whether it should take the form of customs exemption or grant.)

Never mind, they were late in formally applying for the grant. The linkage for the intervening period is, Tal decided, forfeit. He may be within his rights, according to the letter of the law. In practice he is offering less than 12 per cent of the invested sum in real terms.

Outraged, the investors are suing the TIDC for the money they feel is their due.

Nagging. Building work on the premises is under way. The hillside was straightened: 110,000 cu.m. of soil has been removed. Two storeys are already visible above ground; \$6m. has been spent; and initial loan payments were duly made by the government.

Before paying out any more, the TIDC suddenly decided they wanted to be satisfied that the project is not a fly-by-night affair, and that the investors are good for the \$38m. they have to put up.

In March of this year they demanded five documents from the American banks, the Mexican banks, the Israeli bank, etc., testifying that the various sources of capital, amounting to \$38m. in all, are indeed available.

On May 2 the five documents were supplied. Just in case there was any doubt about the information sent from Mexico concerning the \$20m. of own funds, a letter was appended, signed by Gideon Lahav, deputy managing-director of the Israel Discount Bank, confirming that in his view the investing group was good for the amount in question.

The loan instalment was due to be paid by the TIDC within a month of receiving these documents. Three months have elapsed, with no payment made.

Instead, the investors got a letter from Tal dated July 12 — 10 weeks after Biran's submission of the documents — stating that the material he had received was insufficient. A whole new series of questions was asked about the credit lines, about the bonds, about the own funds. Also, a marketing forecast was requested, to make sure the hotel would be able to pay its way.

Says Biran: "Mr. Fainsod and Mr. Reimers have been negotiating with the Israel administration for five solid years. Three separate government agencies have signed contracts with them. Documents testifying to their financial viability have been submitted exactly as requested. A hotel is going up visibly on the ground. Is this the time to start picking and probing all over again for further details of the

group's financial standing?

"And is it not a bit late in the day to enquire whether building a hotel on Mount Scopus would be an economic use of funds?"

Squabbling. The state comptroller holds a watching brief over the activities of government departments, checking whether there have been errors or inefficiencies. Each year his office reviews a number of projects. The latest annual report, published this year, includes an examination of the government's contracts concerning the Hyatt hotel.

Scrutinizing the small print, the state comptroller discovered two main discrepancies.

One: the contract signed by the Lands Administration stipulates that the hotel should be completed by December 1981. That didn't happen.

Two: the original building permit (issued in 1972, before the South Americans came on the scene) was for 400 rooms. In March 1980 an increase to 600 rooms was approved — yet the Lands Administration did not increase its rental for the plot. Regarding the delay in comple-

tion, Biran points out, first, that there was a reason for that: the one-year work stoppage (caused by the government's brusque decision to change the rules of the game). Besides, an amendment to the contract with the Lands Administration had been signed on October 22, 1979, extending the terminal date to December 1983.

Regarding the increase in the number of rooms without a corresponding increase in land rent, the following should be said:

One government department, the TIDC, is not prepared to release the loan money until it has further proof that the hotel can pay its way. Another government department, the State Comptroller Office, accuses a third government department, the Lands Administration, of charging too little for the plot (the implication being that the hotel's profits will be excessive).

Is there not a contradiction between these disparate afterthoughts?

OFFICIALS point out that the state comptroller's observations do not

concern the investors; they are an internal self-calculation by the government. There is no suggestion that a signed contract be dishonoured.

Maybe not: but the state comptroller's strictures were made public in a document on sale in the shops, and the press responded.

One newspaper has speculated that the authorities may react to the state comptroller's report by exacting from the hoteliers *ex post facto* an extra million dollars or two.

This press story has no confirmation from official sources, but the publicity is disagreeable. The investors do not know what to take seriously and what to ignore. Foreign enterprises are easily discouraged — yet Israel needs them. Bureaucratic pin-pricks deter them from coming.

Fortunately in this case, fresh talks are already afoot with the South Americans, and fences are being mended. The government does not intend to hamper the foreign businessman.

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Israel seems to be coping so well with her inflation "that I'm not quite sure whether you have inflation or not." This was the reaction of Thomas M. Galt, Toronto member of the Israel Bond National Insurance Delegation which concluded a week's study of the country yesterday.

Galt, chairman and chief executive officer of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, was commenting on Israel's indexation system as outlined for delegates by Israel's Commissioner of Capital Markets, Savings and Insurance, Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman.

The positive Israeli attitude towards the future and the country's general sense of vitality evoked the mood of the U.S. century group, said Robert N. Houser, chairman and chief executive officer of Des Moines Bankers Life Co.

The use by the PLO of a church in Damour as a shooting range was one of the vivid memories of a day in Lebanon that Houser will take home with him to Iowa. After viewing PLO ammunition dumps in a bunker at Damour, it was obvious to him that the PLO terrorists "were fixed for a long, heavy war."

On that subject, Milton Kliger of New York found he had been ill-prepared for what he saw in Lebanon by reading the New York press. President and chief executive officer of the Empire Mutual/Alcity Insurance Companies, Kliger found that casualty reports repeated on U.S. television "were just not true."

From conversations with

Lebanese in Sidon it became apparent to delegation members that the Lebanese "were happy to see the PLO leave."

For Santa Barbara's Tim Terry, the key words for Israel were "dynamism" and "velocity." He found Israel's universal system of indexation an amazing procedure.

What impressed him in Lebanon was the rapid recovery of life on a "business as usual basis." In Lebanon the "300,000 Mercedes were out and driving around" and Israeli soldiers besides providing order "were doing incidental shopping too."

Terry, who is president of the Sovereign Life Insurance Company of California, concluded from his one-day visit to Tyre, Sidon, Damour and the Beirut outskirts, that there was "very little random shooting in urban areas."

SCHOLARSHIPS. — Four elementary schools in the Tel Aviv area have received scholarships from the Histadrut Teachers Union in memory of the author and educator Yitzhak Selah.

September 6, 1982

| U.S. dollar | IS |
|-------------------------|---------|
| British sterling | 28.2599 |
| German mark | 49.2954 |
| French franc | 11.5063 |
| Dutch guilder | 4.0932 |
| Swiss franc | 10.5024 |
| Swedish krona | 13.5518 |
| Norwegian krone | 4.6247 |
| Danish krone | 4.1552 |
| Finland mark | 3.2821 |
| Canadian dollar | 22.9794 |
| Australian dollar | 27.6155 |
| South African rand | 24.9166 |
| Belgian franc (10) | 5.9968 |
| Austrian schilling (10) | 16.3589 |
| Italian lire (100) | 2.0419 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 11.0560 |
| Jordanian dinar | 79.31 |
| Lebanese lira | 6.07 |

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By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

TEL AVIV. — Turnovers declined sharply yesterday to just over IS 550m. as prices turned mixed. Nevertheless, a definite improvement in atmosphere was attested to by the 55 issues which advanced by more than 5%. By contrast, 40 securities were lower by a similar margin.

Perhaps a major factor in the lower turnovers are the new issues, which not only attract fresh funds

Shares mixed as mood improves

but also detract interest from other trading activity.

Index-linked bonds continued to attract funds and prices advanced by as much as 1.5%.

The shekel was sharply lower as it lost 37 agor against the dollar.

Commercial banks continued to maintain their customary steady up-

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

ward gains. FIBI reached the 1,600 mark in the wake of a 1.9% gain. Insurance issues, on balance were higher. However, Hadar 5.0 and

Hassneh (B) suffered losses of more than 5%. The best performer of the group was Zion 5.0, which zipped ahead by 9.5%.

Harel 1.0 and Cold Storage 0.1 came through with 10% gains among service company issues. Teta attracted new buying as its 1.0 shares were ahead by 8.4%.

There was some good upside

movement among land development and real estate stocks. Solel Boneh, after two sessions of being "buyers only," chipped in with a 15% advance. Pri Or was a 10% gainer.

Renewed interest in Tempo Beer was responsible for its sharp gains. There were others in the industrial sector that came through with smart advances. Both Mani shares were ahead by 10%. Galil Industries securities were both ahead by 6.7%.

Commercial Banks & Bankholding

| Closing price | Change | % change | Volume |
|----------------|--------|----------|--------|
| IDB prf | 35500 | +1500 | 1.4 |
| IDB r | 2905 | +12 | 378.0 |
| IDB B r | 2908 | +12 | 3.4 |
| IDB prf A | 8700 | n.c. | — |
| IDB op 7 | 7380 | n.c. | — |
| IDB op 9 | 4370 | -20 | 12.1 |
| Union r | 1895 | n.c. | 292.8 |
| Union op 4 r | 3430 | n.c. | — |
| Union op 7 | 3530 | n.c. | — |
| Discount r | 3512 | +10 | 6.8 |
| Discount A r | 3512 | +10 | 3.1 |
| Discount op 1 | 4700 | -100 | 21.7 |
| Discount 2 | 3600 | -1 | 408.2 |
| Mizrahi r | 1206 | +7 | 28.5 |
| Mizrahi op 3 | 8500 | n.c. | — |
| Mizrahi op 6 r | 2125 | n.c. | 10.2 |
| Mizrahi op 7 r | 2125 | +100 | 22.5 |
| Mizrahi op 8 r | 2125 | +10 | 2.2 |
| Mizrahi op 9 | 4135 | n.c. | 181.7 |
| Mizrahi op 10 | 2965 | +25 | 113.3 |
| Mizrahi op 11 | 1700 | +10 | 488.6 |
| Mizrahi op 12 | 2053 | +75 | 31.1 |

Bank of Israel Exchange rates

| Closing price | Change | % change | Volume |
|------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Phoenix 0.5 r | 1100 | n.c. | 35.1 |
| Yardenia 0.1 r | 2190 | n.c. | 7.3 |
| Yardenia 0.5 r | 985 | -15 | 15.9 |
| Yardenia op 1 | 729 | -21 | 2.5 |
| Sahar r | 4200 | -290 | 6.5 |
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| Yardenia 0.5 r | 985 | -15 | 15.9 |
| Yardenia op 1 | 729 | -21 | 2.5 |
| Sahar r | 4200 | -290 | 6.5 |
| Sahar op 1 | 4192 | -8 | 1.5 |
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Into the trap

IN PURELY tactical terms, the eve of the Arab summit conference in Fez would seem to have been the most inopportune time for Israel to come to blows with the U.S.

For why not let the Arab states, and the PLO sweat it out in search of an agreed response to the Reagan initiative without being apprised in advance of the degree of hostility harboured by Israel for the new American policy? Would it not now be natural for the Arab states, and even the PLO, to conclude that the time is ripe to push Israel into further isolation by taking a benign view of the proposals made by the American president?

Such considerations, however, did not guide Premier Begin and his fellow ministers, even those among them who used to boast an image of moderation and reasonableness. Mr. Reagan delivered a blow to the faith which proclaims Judea and Samaria a liberated portion of the homeland and by rights Israel's forever. And the Cabinet view was that the president must therefore be told, and in no uncertain terms, that Israel — certainly under the Likud — will never accept his ideas, which foresee a restoration of the West Bank to Jordan, as even a basis for negotiations.

Moreover, it was quickly announced that Israel was establishing eight new settlements. Deputy Premier Simcha Ehrlich cannot really mean it when he said that the decision of the Ministerial Settlement Committee, which he chairs, to establish the new settlements "has nothing to do with President Reagan's document." The decision may have originated in a long-standing policy, but publication at this time must have been designed as an act of defiance. Predictably it elicited the wrathful reaction of Mr. Reagan, who for the first time cast doubt on Israel's very desire for peace.

Israel's enemies, it seems, need not now work too hard to drive a wedge between Israel and the U.S.: their work is being done for them. What remains somewhat unclear is whether Mr. Begin and his ministers do not realize this, or do not care.

Aguda flies alone

THREATS by Agudat Yisrael leaders to call for a boycott of El Al unless the airline closes down on Saturdays and Jewish holidays have been made repeatedly during the past few weeks, while the controversy over the issue raged among the public. Such a boycott, it was claimed, would harm the national carrier far more than a closure, for while the number of Orthodox Jews who would heed the Aguda call comprised between 30 and 40 per cent of El Al passengers, the halting of Sabbath and holiday flights would result in a loss of only 15 per cent.

The figures were not entirely persuasive, and the Aguda threats raised the spectre of a counter-boycott by non-Orthodox Jews who might resent such political-religious intimidation.

But then talk of the Aguda's boycott ceased. For the government bowed to the Aguda's demand, which had indeed been enshrined in last year's coalition agreement, and the Knesset Finance Committee ratified the government's edict. Last Saturday was to have been the first day of enforced idleness for El Al. True, the company's workers, backed by the Histadrut, were set to frustrate the decision, which they claimed would lead to El Al's bankruptcy. But Agudat Yisrael had reason for satisfaction.

This neat arrangement, engineered by the government and the Knesset, did not, however, take into account one other branch of the political system.

At the request of three different applicants, the High Court of Justice issued an interim injunction forbidding the government and the Knesset Finance Committee from going through with the grounding of El Al on the Sabbath. The court called on the government and the committee to show cause within 45 days why their decision was not invalid since it was made on the basis of non-economic considerations, which are barred in the case of public companies, and was approved by the committee with the votes of Knesset members who are not regular members of the committee.

Like almost everyone else, Agudat Yisrael had not reckoned with the possible intervention of the highest tribunal in the land. But now surely, since the bombshell had been exploded, and the matter was out of the hands of the executive and the legislature, all the Aguda could properly do was to patiently await the resolution of the case by the High Court. For surely it was unthinkable to do battle with the court by renewing the call for a boycott?

Not unthinkable to the Aguda, however, acting on orders from the Council of Sages. Now the boycott is really on. Aguda has bidden Orthodox Jews to avoid El Al in favour of foreign airlines. These airlines will continue to fly on Saturdays and be serviced then by Jewish workers at Ben Gurion Airport.

The absurdity is patent, and the example of a party in effect declaring a war on orderly procedures of law while participating in the government coalition, is alarming. But the action is evidently not illegal in itself, and nothing can be done about it except wait and see how effective it really is.

However, the example might also be catching. As Deputy Transport Minister David Schiffman observed yesterday, apropos the boycott: "This thing may have no end." Perhaps it may induce the Council of Sages to set up their own airline and leave El Al alone.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS THE U.S. Army in Europe appears to be winning its "war on drugs," but some officials fear the drug crackdown is having an unintended side effect: a switch to alcohol.

Since an army crackdown on drug use began in 1978, the number of soldiers in Europe treated annually for drug abuse has dropped by half. But the number of soldiers treated for alcohol abuse has nearly doubled: from 4,126 in 1978 to 8,149 last year.

And army liquor stores in Europe had their two best years in history in 1980 and 1981, selling \$87 million worth of liquor in those two years.

Army officials say one reason more alcoholics are being treated is that commanders are more willing to order them to get treatment. But some officials and soldiers in the field say they can see a trend back to alcohol.

PS WORKERS of the world unite! You have nothing to lose but your white gloves.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and their pals are tired of getting no respect and so are forming a union.

The 97 actors and actresses at Walt Disney World who dress up in costumes to portray the famous cartoon characters voted recently to join the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers of America.

The Disney characters voted 45-41 to come under the provisions of the Service Trades Council, which administers a contract with seven unions including the Teamsters.

Some of the performers have complained in the past that their costumes are often hot and dirty and they sometimes suffer abuse from patrons as they clown around the grounds of the vast amusement park near Orlando, Florida. Furthermore, they can't talk back.

A welcome initiative

By SHLOMO AVINERI

LOOKING dispassionately at President Reagan's ideas for the resumption of the autonomy talks, there are clearly three important points on which the American president is in agreement with a majority of Israelis.

First, that Israel should not go back to the vulnerable pre-1967 borders; second, that the U.S. opposes the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza and third, that the partner in the autonomy talks should be Jordan, and not the PLO.

In taking this position, the U.S. has clearly indicated that Israel's security needs are central to its thinking. By calling for a halt to the building of new settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, President Reagan has also indicated something else; that while the U.S. administration is ready to support Israel's legitimate security needs, it will not support the annexationist policies of the Likud government.

Any Israeli government committed to the security of Israel should have welcomed Reagan's ideas in general. These ideas are in no way contrary to the Camp David Accords; and in these accords Prime Minister Begin himself accepted the legitimate rights of the Palestinian Arab people and their just aspirations, and also called for Jordanian participation in the negotiations concerning the West Bank and Gaza.

In this case, why the outcry? The reason is very simple: at Camp David, Begin gave up enormous strategic assets in Sinai (airfields, oil-fields, settlements) hoping

that by bringing forward the concept of autonomy he would be able to ensure Israeli control over the West Bank and Gaza.

What basically matters to Begin and to the Likud is not security, but history: in order to maintain the historical parts of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Begin was ready to trade off the strategic assets of Sinai.

Given the Likud's basic philosophy, this was an obvious choice, and autonomy seemed a sophisticated way of achieving it: either the Palestinian Arabs will accept the very truncated version of Begin's autonomy plan, which would be tantamount to annexation without calling it by that name, or, if negotiations drag on, the status quo would continue.

In the short run, this worked out quite well: four years have elapsed since Camp David, the Peace Treaty With Egypt is functioning smoothly (though, admittedly, without much love) — and Israel continues to control the West Bank and Gaza.

Ariel Sharon's ambitious settlement plans have given rise to numerous new facts on the map. Under these conditions, the government would be happy to continue to tread water at the autonomy talks for another four, or eight, years: why shouldn't Dr. Burg and his Egyptian counterparts continue their complicated negotiations while at the same time Israel hold over the West Bank can be intensified?

THIS WAS possible only so long as the U.S. did not take any initiative

concerning the autonomy plan and did not present any of its own ideas. Begin's mistake was to imagine that after Beirut, the U.S. would continue to keep a low profile over the autonomy issue.

It should have been clear to anyone versed in the dialectic complexities of war and diplomacy, that the weakening of the PLO in Beirut would mean that an initiative regarding the moderate Palestinians would be in the cards. Perhaps Begin would have preferred that the Reagan initiative call for negotiations with the PLO: with such an ogle in sight he would have rallied general Israeli support against the U.S. initiative.

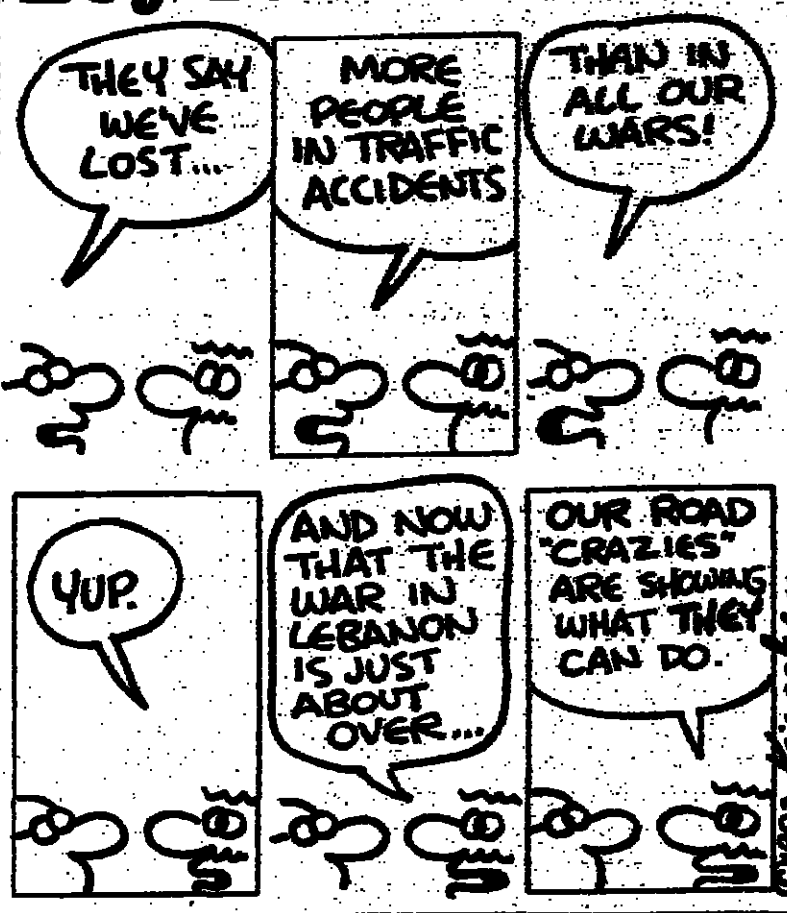
But one cannot fool all the people all the time. The war in Lebanon received support from many Israelis who were far from the Likud ideology, because they correctly realized that only by weakening the terrorist element among the Palestinians, will there be a chance of a compromise with the moderates among them.

This is precisely what Reagan's initiative now offers Israel: a concern for its security and a chance to bring in Jordan as a moderate spokesman for the Palestinians.

There are details in Reagan's programme (such as the veto of East Jerusalem Arabs) which will not be acceptable even to moderate Israelis. But the United States government has come up with a basically fair, moderate and supportive programme from the Israeli point of view.

It should satisfy every Israeli who is concerned that Israel, while

Dry Bones



guarding its security, should not become a bi-national state: the only reason for opposing is that it does not satisfy the annexationist programme of the Likud.

It should, however, be remembered that even Israelis who do not support the Begin government don't like to see Israel bullied or pushed around by the U.S. Israel will not yield to outside pressure: but an internal debate, and internal pressure, have a chance of averting the catastrophe that the Likud government has been brewing for the people of Israel over the last five

years. While preaching an integral, uncompromising Zionism, Begin has been slowly turning Israel into a bi-national state. There still is a chance to stop this: the American initiative is a step in the right direction from the point of view of a Zionism which views Israel as a Jewish, and not a bi-national, state.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir, — I was most chagrined to read Leon Hader's article of August 23, "Forging an alliance with the New Right." The article quotes statements by American Jewish leaders that it is in the interest of U.S. Jewry (and Israel) for American Jews to be more responsive to the political agenda of the far right.

For three reasons that contention is false and should be thoroughly alarming to Jews anywhere. The first mistaken contention is that we should support the New Right's political agenda because they are so supportive of Israel. This is incorrect, factually and morally. Many New Right and Religious Right types are supportive of Israel: many others, including some of their leaders in Congress like Senator Jesse Helms, are not. When their support was really needed, for instance, during the vote on the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, almost every New Right senator and congressman voted against us. In contrast, we received every vote cast by the Black and Hispanic members of Congress. Similarly, the well-known political and religious leaders of the right were virtually silent during the sale. It was the leaders of the American labour unions and public interest communities who organized and lobbied against the sale.

Morally, however, the idea that we can or should "buy" right-wing support for Israel through our acquiescence in their general political agenda is repugnant. Which of your readers could have failed to be offended by Terry Dolan's quote which ended Hader's article in which he says: "There is absolutely no reason politically for a conservative to be pro-Israeli or pro-Jewish. You can't count on any votes from Jews because of your position on Israel."

Now, American Jewish leaders must continue the dialogue with leaders of the Right in efforts to have them transform their amorphous theological support for Israel or general anti-Semitism into concrete political action. We should try to show them why support for Israel is morally right and is in America's best interests. But we must never "buy" their support by remaining silent in the face of their political agenda when it is morally and politically anathema to us.

Secondly, there is a mistaken contention that the political agenda of the right is harmless to the U.S. Jewish community. Nothing could be further from the truth. They fanatically believe that only they possess the one truth. They undermine the quality of pluralism and the tradition of political diversity which is the strength of American

THE NEW RIGHT

political life and a source of protection for all minority groups including Jews. They are the chief sponsors of legislation which would limit the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and federal courts. This legislation restricts the freedoms which are inherent in the Bill of Rights, alters our system of "checks and balances" and threatens the very constitutional system of government which has been the bulwark of our liberties and freedoms.

Finally, the article's contention that the New Right and its work have no connection with anti-Semitism is simply wrong. Their self-perception as the sole possessors of God's truth leads them to vehemently reject the political and moral contentions of those who do not share their values. In undercutting the tradition of pluralism in American life, they implicitly attack the legitimacy of groups which disagree with them, like the American Jewish community. It is not surprising that leaders of the Religious Right have publicly attacked the legitimacy of Jewish prayer and accused Jews of having long noses (Bailey Smith); have maintained that God has given us the "supernatural talent to make money" which allows us to control New York City (Rev. Dan Fore); and, in the words of Rev. Jerry Falwell, "I'm saying that as for controlling the media and the city is concerned, Jews are blessed by God. They have abilities in finances that others don't have."

While these leaders should be, can be and in some cases, have been educated as to the "Elders of Zion" quality of these comments, the remarks are nevertheless an incisive reflection as to anti-Semitic attitudes which lie below the surface of their communities and reflect an attitude of delegitimization of the Jewish community. This creates an atmosphere that indirectly sanctions the overt acts of anti-Semitism of recent years. American Jewry cannot thrive in a country where

such people reign.

Indeed, in the history of our people, whenever extremists, particularly religious extremists, have risen to political power based on the platform that only one political programme is acceptable to God, it has been the beginning of tragedy for our community.

American Jews should be willing to work with the Right where we agree and should continue the dialogue with them in efforts to moderate their ideas. But we must defeat their views and their political programme in the halls of Congress and in the marketplace of ideas.

RABBI DAVID SAPERSTEIN
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Washington, D.C.

CONSULTATIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir, — I cannot help being proudly amused at Secretary of State George Shultz's statement that he has been "listening to many people" regarding the next steps in U.S. policy and he cited four of them: Henry Kissinger, Sol Linowitz, Irving Shapiro and Lawrence Silberman.

Too bad, Shultz stopped there — with six more he could have a million.

DR. JACOB ROSIN

HYPOCRISY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir, — I noted in your news item of August 29 dealing with El Al that a cabinet minister returned from Paris on an El Al plane which was flying on Shabbat, but the same individual had voted a few days earlier in favour of closing that same airline on Saturdays.

In what might have appeared to be a totally unrelated news item in the same issue, you reported that over a third of a million Israelis had emigrated from this country.

Whilst not condoning their action, I can perhaps have a little sympathy for those people who are reluctant to allow their destinies in Israel to be decided by cabinet ministers whose actions, at the best, appear to give the impression of rank hypocrisy, but more likely show a greater consideration for their own personal position than either the wellbeing of the country or of their religion.

DAVID HAMBURGER
Netanya.

BERLIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post, Sir, — Your correspondents make fun of Premier Begin's comparison of Beirut 1982 with Berlin 1945. I find similarities.

Two arch-enemies of the Jews sat in underground bunkers. There was a great deal of rubble above the ground as a result of not giving up after a thorough beating. In both cases, the reason for carrying on was a vain hope for a change in the political constellation. Both "Fuehrers" used 12 to 15-year-old children as soldiers. Hitler was not a German (he was Austrian); Arafat is not a Lebanese.

There are differences too: Hitler committed suicide, Arafat was only advised to do so by his good friend Gaddafi. Arafat thanked the Lebanese for their hospitality before his trip to Tunis; Hitler did not thank the Germans before his trip to hell.

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